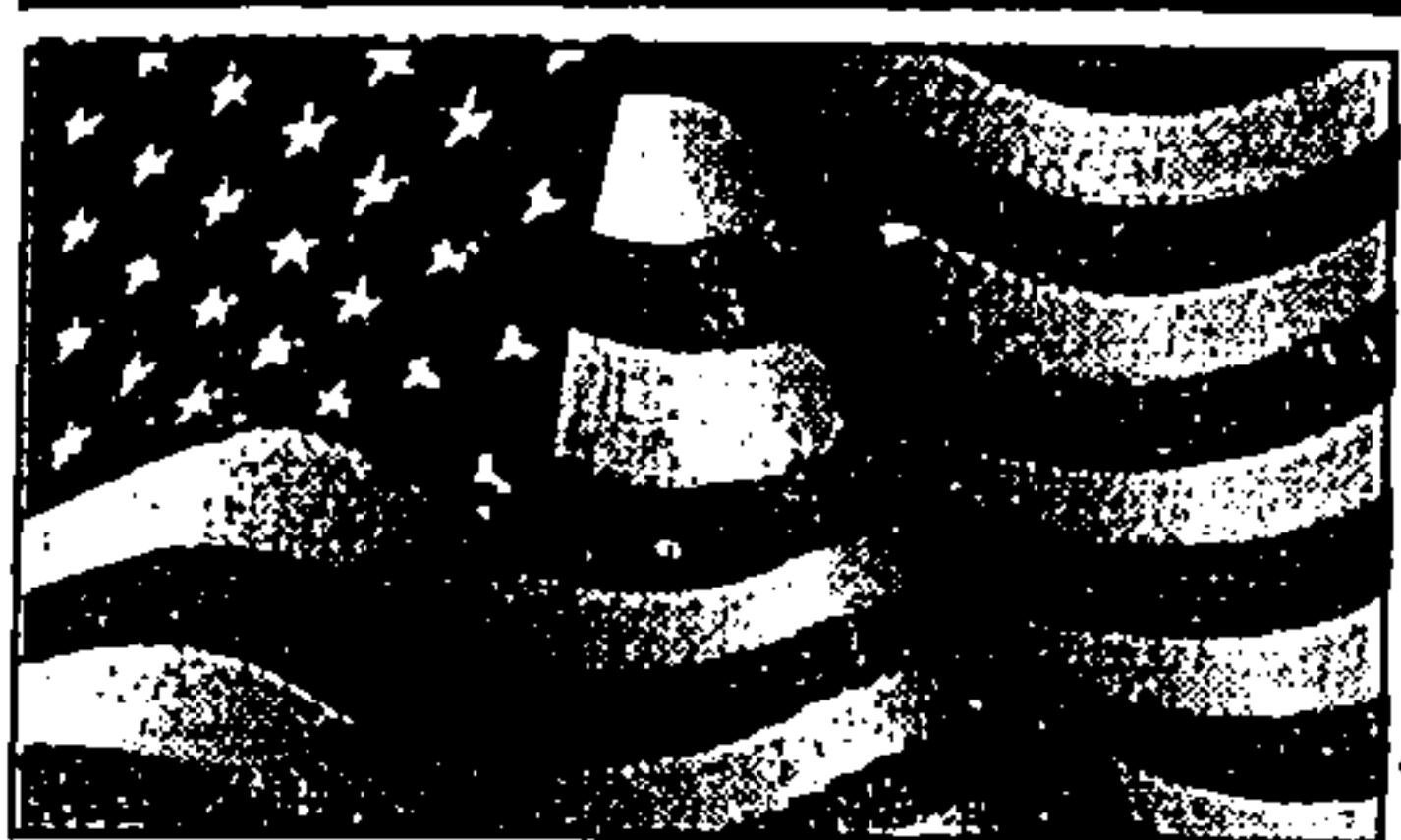


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Funeral for a friend

Hundreds of mourners gather on the steps of St. Peter's Church in Antioch for the funeral of beloved State Rep. Tim Osmond, who died Dec. 17 of an apparent heart attack. Osmond was to begin his third term next January.—Photo by Samir Id-Deen

What YOU'RE saying

Your responses to Wal-Mart page A8

Chamber announces nominations

New members have been elected to the board of directors of the Antioch Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Tam Alleman, Mary Ann Kuhn and Jim Meyer are the members whose terms expired. Alleman and Kuhn were both re-nominated and re-elected. Meyer declined nomination.

Sandra Norwood of Hair Designs Unlimited will replace Meyer.

"We're delighted to have her (Norwood) on the board," said Executive Director Barbara Porch. "This is her first time serving on the board and she's very excited and enthusiastic."

Porch added that she's pleased to see the return of Alleman and Kuhn.

Each year, three new directors are elected to a three-year term of office. The board is made up of nine directors.

Those elected will be expected to chair one committee, and serve on a second. "We bring a lot of activities to the community over the course of the year," added Porch.

Porch, who has served on the board for more than eight years, first as board member and then as executive director, said the Chamber office runs very efficiently, and phone calls for various things are done by the office and not by the individual directors.

Newly elected board members take over in January.—By Julie Murphy

By JULIE MURPHY
Staff Reporter

Pulte Homes should finally get its public hearing on Jan. 9 after a two-year wait.

The hearing for a proposed PUD within existing R-1 zoning is being continued before the combined planning and zoning board for the Village of Antioch after being tabled on Sept. 14, 2000.

The proposed plan calls for 182 detached single-family homes on the 91-acre Elfering property on the north side of Rte. 173, immediately west of Deercrest.

Concern raised at the previous hearing by planning and zoning director Bob Silhan included density, though 31 percent less than the maximum allowed, because the site is not part of the Special Service Area (SSA) for Lake County sanitary sewers.

Pulte has asked for inclusion into the SSA. During the Dec. 16 regular meeting of the board of directors, Trustee Scott Pierce asked that the village consider requiring all PUDs in the East-Sub Area to

become part of the SSA.

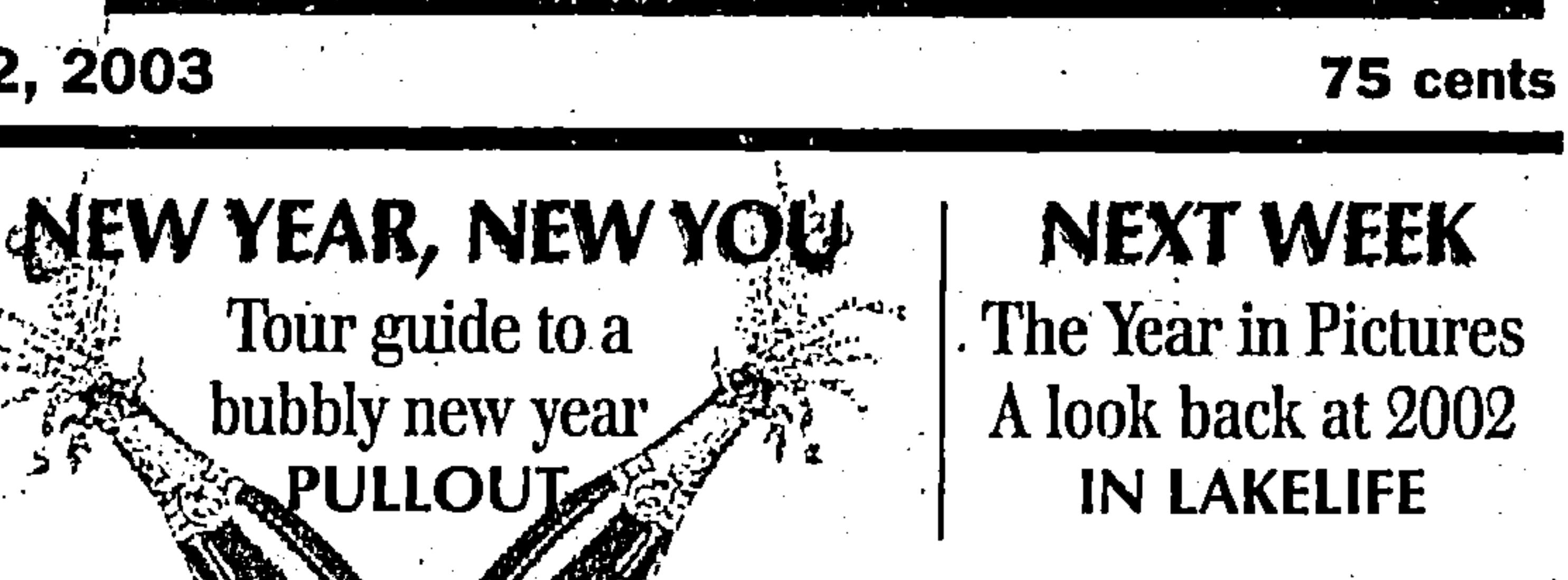
Additionally, the Pulte Homes request for both annexation and inclusion into the SSA were read into the record at that time.

Previously, Silhan had voiced concern about the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) review. He said, "A follow-up detailed report must be prepared by the petitioner to the IDNR relative to the Endangered Species Act. The public hearing process cannot conclude until after this has been submitted and the IDNR has had a chance to review and comment."

John Nelson of the IDNR said, "The nature preserve is very concerned because of the proximity to Red Wing Slough. We will be very desirable to children and the buffers to Red Wing Slough are very narrow. Water quality issues will need to be discussed as well."

Presenter for Pulte Home Corp. John Milne said, "This plan is designed to be sensitive to the environment with no wetland impact. We are preserving the existing forest on the property and protecting Red Wing Slough."

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Pet's best friends

Gurnee Park District preschool teacher Debbie Townsend helps 4-year-old Kayna Marable and Jade Greathouse, 5, choose gifts to give to homeless pets at the Gurnee PetSmart store. The gifts will be donated to the Kenosha County Humane Society in Wisconsin.—Photo by Sandy Bressner

Pig tales

Sunburned swine at center of lawsuit

By CHRISTY BLANDFORD
Lakeland Correspondent

A 250-lb pig is at the center of a dispute between Libertyville residents Scott and Dawn Petersen and the Lake County Fair Association, which culminated in a lawsuit filed by the Petersens refuting an alleged violation of rules during the fair's annual swine auction.

The Petersens' pig, named Most Valuable Pig, or MVP, sold for \$4,500 at the fair's livestock auction last July, but the pig might not end up being as valuable as auctioned if the fair association has its way.

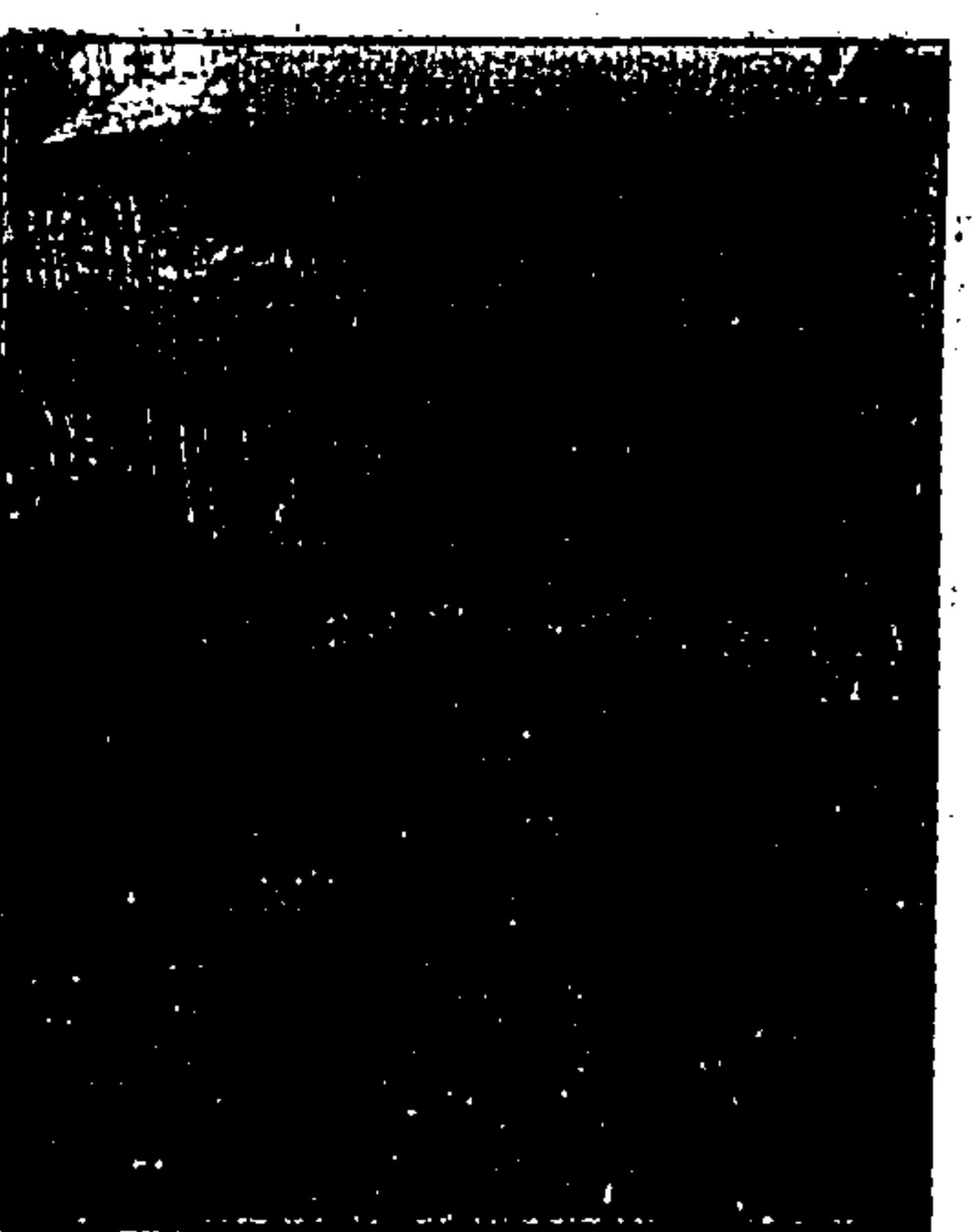
Dawn Petersen said the pig suffered a sunburn in its stall on the fairgrounds, and she consulted the fair superintendent who alerted the fair veterinarian to the pig's condition. She said the vet administered an antibiotic shot to alleviate the pig's suffering, only after the swine supervisor agreed to the medication for the pig, which was to be entered into the swine auction.

The pig was sold in the auction but went home with the Petersens for two weeks to ensure that the medication cleared through its system. After the two weeks were up, Petersen said she sent the pig to her own vet, who found no traces of the medicine left in the pig's system.

Because MVP was cleared, he was sent to the location the buyer requested, the Avon Township Food Pantry.

But after the pig left her possession, Petersen said, the fair board alerted her to sanctions they were placing on her family because of an alleged violation of the rules by entering into the auction a pig that had been administered medication.

The fair board ordered the



A pig owned by Libertyville residents Scott and Dawn Petersen takes a nap in its pen during the first day of the 2001 Lake County Fair in Grayslake.—File photo by Sandy Bressner

Petersens to return the auction proceeds and banned them from showing livestock at the fair for one year. If they refused to return the \$4,500 proceeds, they were told they would be banned for five years.

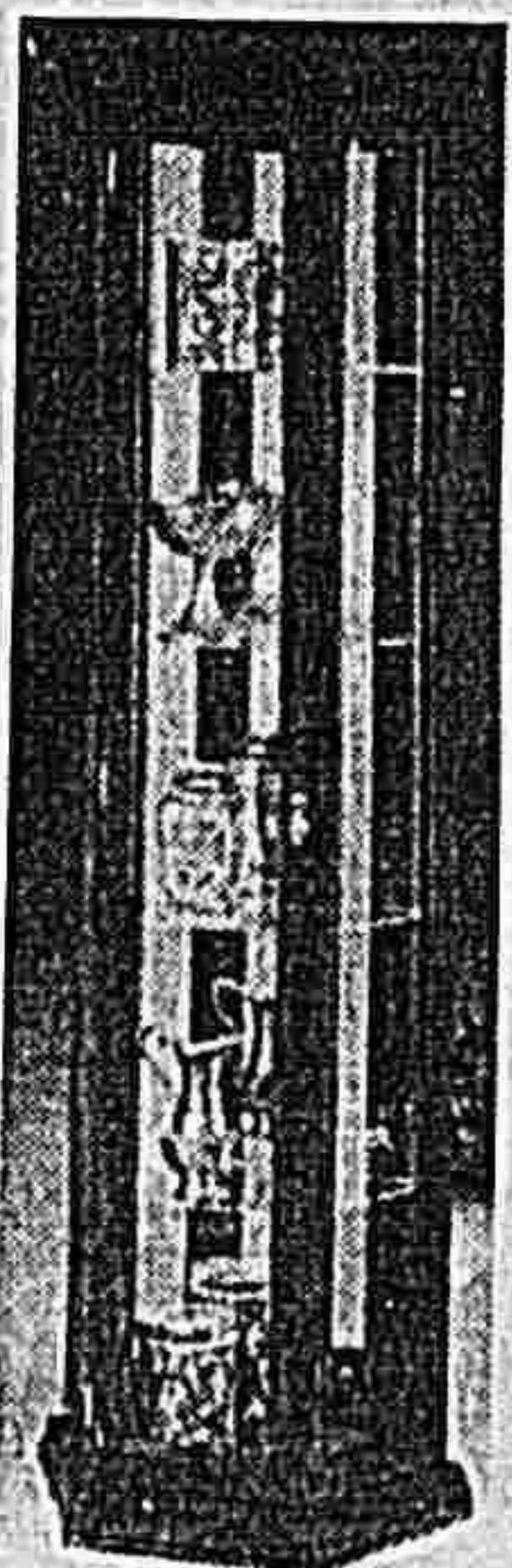
Petersen said she filed a civil lawsuit against the fair association because the swine supervisor and veterinarian, who were hired by the fair administrators, agreed to administer the medication even after they knew the pig would be entered into the auction.

"The superintendent, Scott and I were all standing there and they all said that was OK," she said. "So as far as I knew it was fine that we could go ahead and do that. We filed the lawsuit because we are being penalized for something we didn't do wrong. All I did was follow the fair vet and superintendent's instructions."

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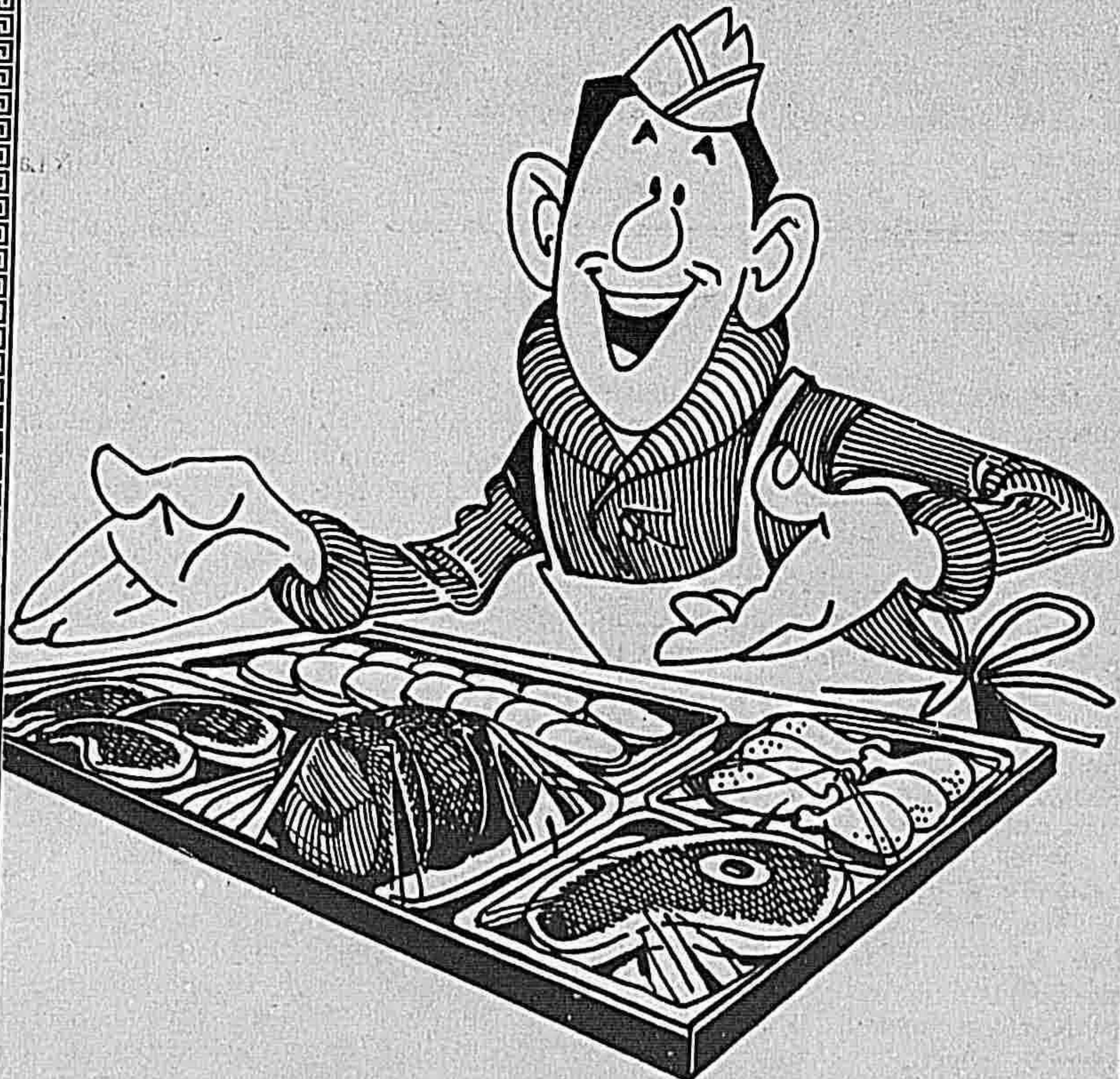
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Creativity takes center stage

About 40 craft displays from hats to table runners filled two rooms of Big Hollow Primary School.

Shoppers were in the holiday spirit as the Big Hollow PTO hosted the annual "Christmas in the Hollows" craft fair.

"We have a pretty good turnout of crafters. We have a raffle that you can enter with the purchase of anything over \$5," said Jacqui Black, one of the organizers.

The event was in its second year at the school off Fish Lake Road, after it had been held at Taveirne Middle School for many years. "We plan on doing it each year. We have a lot of repeat crafters and some new ones," Black said.

Steve Gasperini was on hand, selling recycled tires that are now door-

mats and tires with items such as clocks in them. "My dad used to make the doormats and I came up with the shelves and the clocks. They are going well," he said. "I normally use a jigsaw machine that my dad made."

Marty Paluska of Island Lake was selling his fishing lures made of wood. "It depends on the clarity of the water. They can be used for walleye, muskies and others. I work in my basement. I enjoy it, and it is a little extra money for the holidays."

Theresa Steffensen of Ingleside had most of the middle of the gym lined up with her knickknacks. "The most popular is the hanging snowman, for \$7.50," she said. It is her main line of income, these craft shows are. "I love it," she added.

A woodworker, Irv Beier, said his projects are often relaxing. All were baskets that folks could use around the house.

Also on hand were table runners, American Girl clothes, and a mission to help Guatemalans. Chain O' Lakes ArtWorks provided face painting fun. TJ Toons, of Ingleside, was busy making characters, complete with customized names and different settings.

Johnsburg man missing

Johnsburg Police Department is seeking the community's help in locating a missing person.

Brian C. Carrick, with an address of 4017 Johnsburg Rd., was last seen wearing a black Adidas jacket with several white stripes from the shoulder to the wrist. He was also wearing an orange sweatshirt and blue jeans, police said, in a Dec. 23 announcement.

Carrick is described as a white male, 5-foot, 9-inches with brown

hair and brown eyes.

His whereabouts were still unknown as of Dec. 23, and anyone with information about his disappearance should call the Johnsburg Police Department, 815-385-6024.

"We are all in tears over here. I told the family to call me as soon as they found him, even if it is 5 a.m.," said Jerry Casciaro, co-owner of Val's Foods, where Carrick worked.

Carrick is a 17-year-old student at Johnsburg High School.

Youth sports groups to build concession stand

Supervisor Kay Starostovic says the big-hearted nature of Grant township residents is helping make the Field of Dreams sports complex better all the time.

Starostovic made that comment after township trustees accepted a proposal from two youth sports groups to erect a concession/storage facility at no cost to taxpayers.

Speaking for the Lakeland Cardinals and Grant Township Athletic Assn., Bob Henry said a 26 by 24 foot building will be built in the center of the multi-field facility with donated materials and labor.

Sparkplugging the project will be Mike Valenziano, contractor, and Larry Smith, who will supply a concrete base.

By next spring, players and their families might not recognize the complex for all the improvements that are taking place.

A kiddy lot has been installed and asphalt paths ring the field on Molidor Road adjacent to the township administrative building and South Grant Fire Station.

Highway Commissioner Jack Kiesgen reported that 21 ornamental trees have been donated and planted. "They'll be beautiful next spring," he said.

On the way are a picnic shelter and six picnic tables donated by Camp Duncan YMCA. At a prominent spot, a bench dedicated to the late Supervisor Gordon Kiesgen will be installed.

Mt. Hope Church plans food collection effort

Sunday worship is at 10 a.m. at Mount Hope United Methodist Church, 1015 W. Broadway, Pistakee Highlands, just north of Johnsburg.

The Rev. Kwadwo Ntim will present the message, "Looking forward" this Sunday, Dec. 29.

Adult Bible Class is at 9 a.m. Children's education hour is offered for all ages at 10 a.m.

The church is handicapped accessible. For further information call 847-497-3805.

Food collection for FISH will be on Sunday, Dec. 29 at the church.

No plan commission meeting

The Fox Lake Plan Commission has cancelled its meeting for Jan. 1. The next meeting will be at 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 8 at Fox Lake Village Hall Council Chambers, 301 S. Rte. 59, in Fox Lake. The meeting is open to the public.

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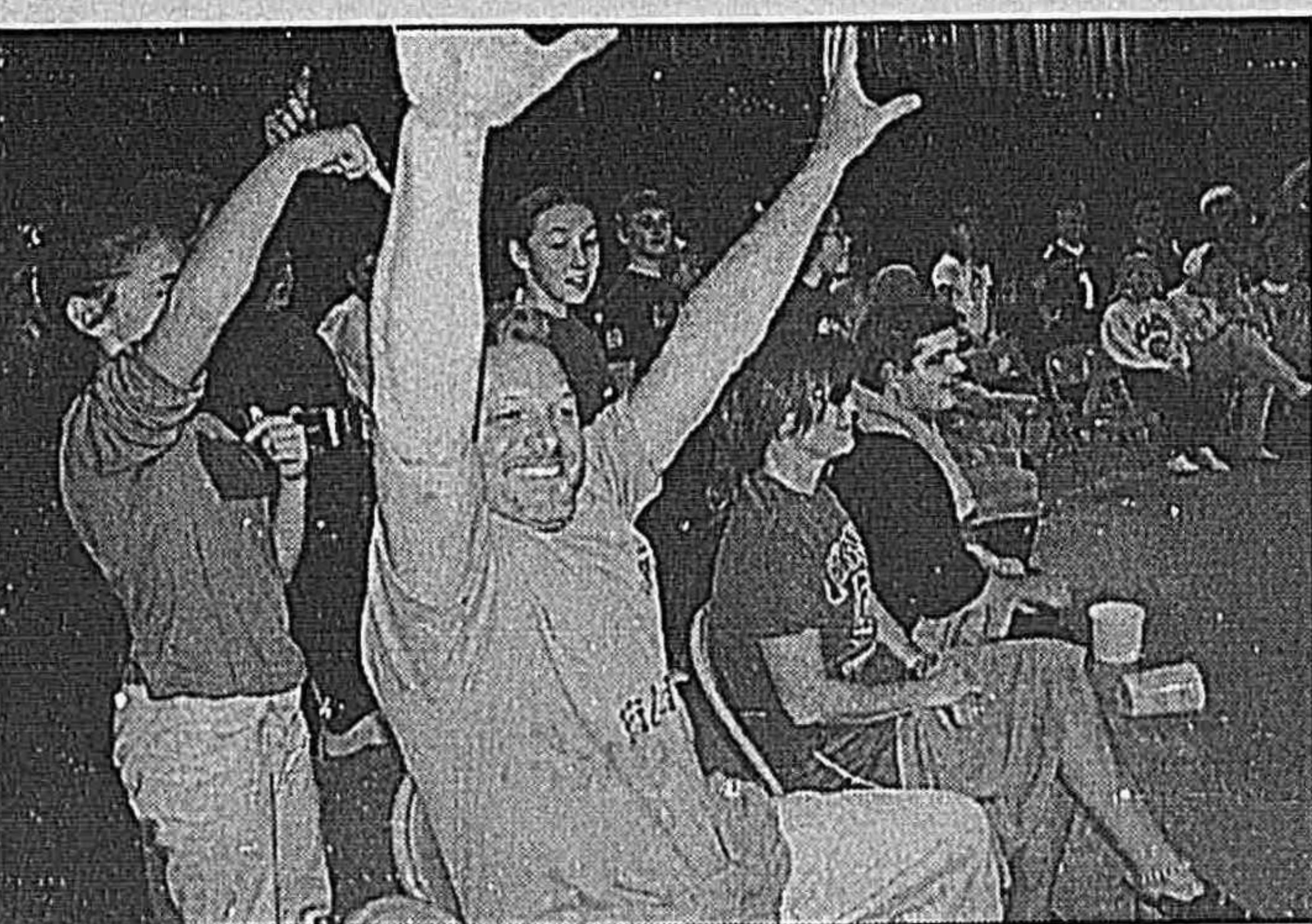
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Stanton Middle School teacher Mike Davis gets the crowd going before getting a pie in his face from a student. The annual Pie in the Eye event is a reward for students who collect canned goods for the Grant Township Food Pantry.—Photo by Sandy Bressner

Elvis sighting

Second graders at Big Hollow School in Fox Lake don their glasses and sing "I just want to be your teddy bear" at their annual holiday party after which they give their bears to someone special.—Photo by Samir Id-Deen

Pie-in-face fun reward for gifts

The giving spirit is alive and well at Stanton School over the holidays and beyond.

"The eighth grade collected canned foods and this was our best year ever. I was really worried about how it would work out because of the tough times, but we were very pleased," Stanton school Principal Bill Lomis said.

Some students, who knew of the late Gordon Kiesgen, Grant Township supervisor, collected canned foods instead of their own candy on Halloween. Jewel Food Store in Fox Lake was helpful, letting the students stand out in front of their store.

"Gordon was scheduled to give his annual talk to the students the day after he died," Lomis said. "We talked about it with the kids because everyone knew him."

Kraft Foods also more than did their part, Lomis said, donating 3,000 pounds of food, with 3,185 items coming from the students. To cap off the effort, just before the holiday break begins, students will have a chance to "pie" the teachers



Steve Peterson

and principal on Dec. 20.

Secondly, students collected mittens and coats in a combined effort with the Fox Lake Jaycees. Lisa Brondi picked up the items last week at the school. "There was a lot of excitement for the new project," the principal said.

Third, students helped out families of prisoners in the "Angel Tree" effort. Teacher Maggie Haas and the seventh-graders coordinated that effort.

Lomis explained that the community service effort is part of the middle school philosophy for sixth, seventh and eighth graders.

"In sixth grade, we have projects that the students can give back to the school such as recycling. In seventh grade, they give

back to the district, such as reading with third grade buddies. In eighth grade, they give back to the entire community. We have projects all year long, and it is part of our character development called All-Stars. We hope to add projects in the future and build on the ones that we have," Lomis said.

Stanton School has an enrollment of 300 students.

Gavin School District 37 thanked former school board president Candy Luzar for her years of service.

"It was very nice. I could not even talk. They gave me a plaque with a garden apple. Gavin was such a big part of my life. I would not be the person that I am today without Gavin," Luzar said.

Luzar started being active at Gavin in 1990, when her daughter Michelle was in pre-kindergarten.

"It is interesting to see on the programs that we have added over the years. It has been phenomenal, and some teachers have changed to multi-age or team teaching. It is interesting to see the staff changes as they have continued their education. We are a community of learners, something that Dr. Maloney (Mike, retired superintendent), always stressed," Luzar said.

Congratulations to Mary Francis Nordstrom, the Fox Lake Rotary Club's new president. The Fox Lake Rotary Club meets at 12 p.m. Fridays at El Puerto restaurant. "The club does so much locally, but clubs also assist internationally, with such efforts as Polio Plus," Nordstrom said. Club members held a successful George Watson Neediest Children's Christmas party at Camp Duncan YMCA, helping 300 area children.

If you have interesting information or anecdotes to submit for "Our Town" call the staff reporter Steve Peterson at 847-223-8161, ext. 155 or e-mail, speterson@lakelandmedia.com

POLICE BEAT

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No valid driver's license

Rodrigo J. Torrez, 23, of 37 Nippersink, Fox Lake, was arrested for driving without a valid driver's license on Dec. 21 at 1:58 a.m. on Lake Street at Main Street.

Torrez turned left onto Lake directly in the officer's path of travel, nearly causing a collision. A check through LEADS/SOS came back with information that he had no valid driver's license.

He was arrested and issued citations for failure to yield, no valid driver's license and operating an uninsured vehicle. Torrez was given a Feb. 5 court date.

Erica Gonzales, 38, of 911 Jackson, Waukegan, was arrested for driving without a valid driver's license on Dec. 10 at 4:47 a.m. at the intersection of Anita and Ida streets.

She was locked traveling 47 mph in a 25-mph zone. When her identifiers were checked, information came back that she was driving without a valid driver's license.

Gonzales was arrested and issued citations for speeding and having no valid driver's license. She was released on personal recognizance pending her Jan. 15 court date.

Suspended driver's license

Richard A. Martinez, 23, of 1217 N. Lotus, Round Lake Beach, was arrested for driving with a suspended driver's license on Dec. 17 at 5:50 p.m. on Route 83 at Beach Grove Road.

Martinez was stopped for driving with a defective taillight. A check through LEADS/SOS returned with information that his license was suspended.

He was arrested and issued citations for the defective taillight and driving while suspended. He was released on personal recognizance pending his Jan. 15 court date.

LINDENHURST

Possession of cannabis

Dana E. Beitzel, 20, of 10550 Yorkhouse,

Waukegan, was arrested by Lindenhurst Police on Dec. 19, at 12:48 a.m., on Sand Lake Road near Country Place. Beitzel was observed driving 48 mph in a 35-mph zone. The driver made an improper turn onto Sand Lake Road. Police found a green leafy substance in the center console and front ashtray of the car, as well as a blue velvet bag containing a glass pipe with a residue in it. More green leafy matter was found in a piece of a plastic bag under the driver's seat. The substance field-tested positive as cannabis. Beitzel failed four of four field sobriety tests, and a breath test yielded a result of .117 BAC. The driver was charged with speeding, improper turning, DUI, DUI over .08 BAC, consumption of alcohol by a minor, possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia. Beitzel was released on a \$3,000 I-bond, pending an appearance in Waukegan courtroom C-402, on Jan. 14, at 9 a.m.

Brad R. Irving, 18, of 390 Edgewood Dr., Antioch, was arrested by Lindenhurst Police on Dec. 18, at 11:30 p.m., on Route 45 at Haven. He was observed driving 53 mph in a 40-mph zone. Police detected an odor of cannabis in the car. Cannabis seeds and stems allegedly were found on the floor of the vehicle. In the car, police found a glass pipe with a residue and a bag containing a green leafy substance that field-tested positive as cannabis. Three bottles of beer were also alleged to be in the car at the time of the arrest. Irving was charged with speeding, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis. He was released on a \$75 bond, pending an appearance in Grayslake Branch III court, on Jan. 8, at 9 a.m.

Christmas ornaments stolen

Lindenhurst police recorded two reports of thefts of Christmas lawn ornaments. On Dec. 14, at 8:11 a.m., a wooden Santa and sleigh and a plastic candy cane were reported stolen from Witchwood sometime during the night. The decorations were valued at \$70. Sometime between 10 p.m. on Dec. 13-7:30 a.m. on Dec. 14, similar thefts occurred on the 2000 block of Burr Oak, where a large candy cane, two small canes and a gingerbread man were reported stolen. The ornaments were valued at \$60. There are no suspects in either case.



Christmas tradition

Georg Frederick Handel's widely known "The Messiah" is performed by the Antioch Community Chorus at St. Peter Catholic Church in Antioch. The presentation was a production of Festival Arts of Antioch.—Photo by Samir Id-Deen

Township help stop smoking

By BRENDA BALIN-BEITSCHER
Staff Reporter

The program, under the auspices of Tobacco Free Lake County (TFLC), was designed by the American Lung Association.

The first class is free, to allow smokers to check out the program before committing to the full eight weeks.

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Dubek promoted

Robert Dubek, former Antioch resident, will be promoted to Colonel in the U.S. Air Force on Jan. 6 at Scott Air Force Base in Belleville.

Bob graduated from Antioch High School in 1976, has served at the Pentagon in Washington, DC; Langley AFB, VA; Nellis AFB, NV as a Wing Commander and at Randolph AFB, Tex. As a General's Aide. He completed Air Force War College at Maxwell AFB, AL, which included a trip to the Middle East.

Augustana Choir

Aaron James, a junior majoring in English, son of Peter and Amy James of Antioch, has accompanied the Handel Oratorio Society in the 122nd annual performance of "Handel's Messiah" at Augustana College.

Marsh Inc. promotion

Cindy Lusignan of Antioch, has been named vice president and client advisor, healthcare practice leader at Marsh Inc. A graduate of Ohio University, Lusignan holds a Masters of Hospital Administration from Long Island University.

Homecoming queen

Jessica Sweeney of Antioch was

named second runner-up for homecoming queen at Illinois College. Sweeney is the daughter of Michael and Darlene Sweeney of Antioch. She is a graduate of Antioch High School.

Basic training

Air Force Airman Jarvelle Kocal has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex. Kocal is the son of Barbara Kocal of Antioch. He is a 2002 graduate of Antioch Community High School.

Army Achievement Medal

Army Spec. Matthew Antonelli has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal. Antonelli is an Avenger crewmember assigned to the 5th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery at Camp Hovey, South Korea. He is the son of Susan Stubner of Antioch.

Parachute team

Army Sgt. Angela Nichols, a member of the U.S. Army Parachute Team the Golden Knights, won a bronze medal at the National Style and Accuracy Competition held at Skydive Chicago in Ottawa. She is the daughter of Charles Nichols of Texas and Cynthia Staffeldt of Salem, Wis.

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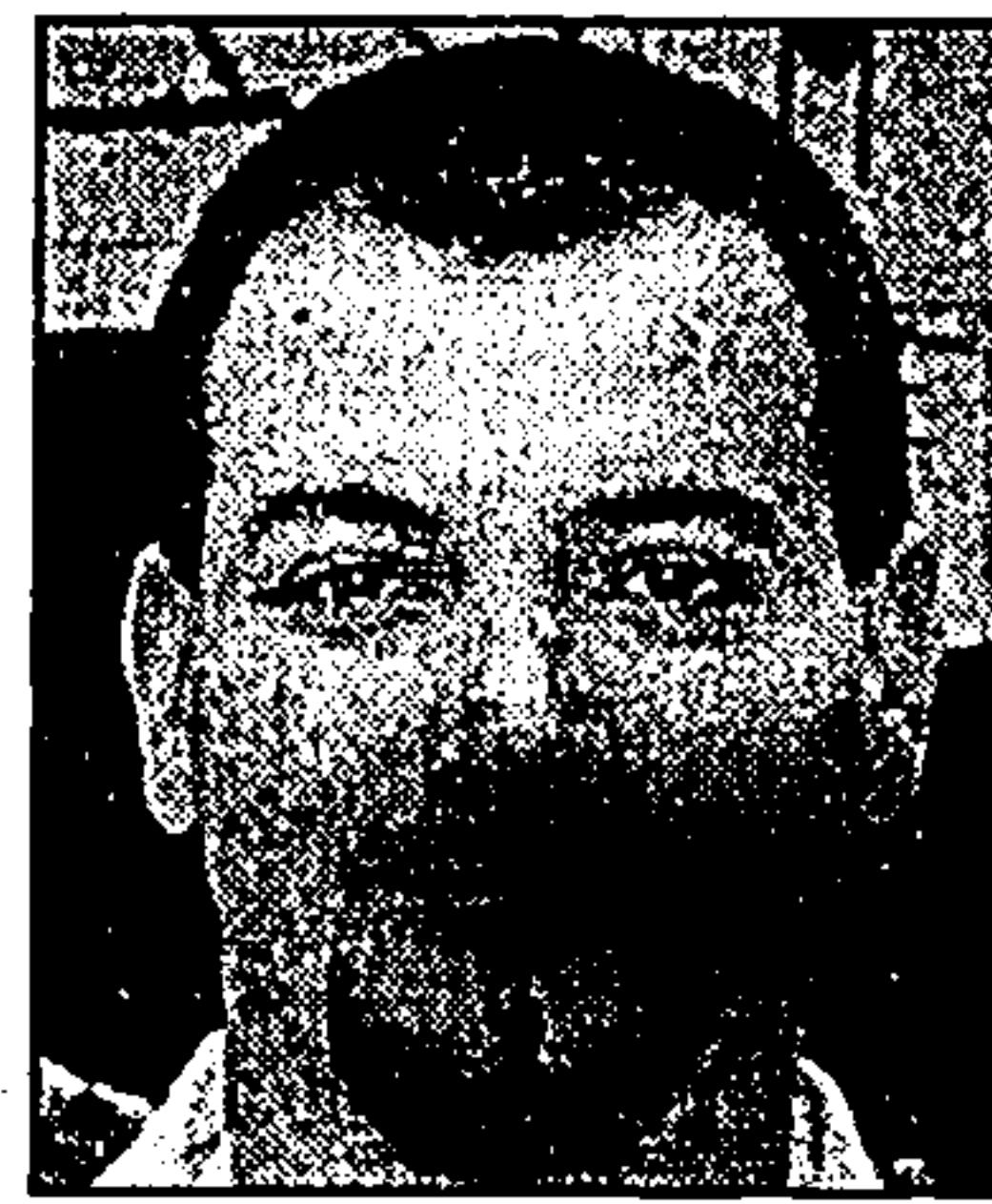
What I like best about my town: I have good neighborhood and we're all close

The secret to my success is:
Keep working at it and never give up

I relax by: Participating in Kyukido and Jujitsu (martial arts) and motorcycle riding

My perfect day in Antioch would be: A warm sunny one

The last book I read was: "The Sport of Judo"



Favorite TV show is:
"Dark Angel"

Favorite band or musician: Queensryche

Favorite restaurant: Ron and Pat's Pizza

My life's motto is: I don't know, but I need to laugh

If I won the lottery, I would: Take my family and hide until I figure it out

My greatest accomplishments are: My marriage, my kids and my dedication to martial arts and tattooing

I want to be remembered as: A great artist, funny and a person who did all he could to help the world

My pet peeves are: Being late and dirty dishes

Most interesting person I ever met was: My wife. She's my best friend

If I had a plane ticket anywhere, I would go: To Palm Springs, Calif. to take care of my grandmother

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7:15 a.m., Business Network International (BNI) meets at the Hillside Restaurant in Grayslake. BNI is a coalition of businesses with one person from each occupation. Members give each other referrals. Call Craig Henderson at 847-840-6464

7 p.m., American Sewing Guild group "Running in Stitches" meets. For location info., call Janet at 847-265-7932 or Chris at 847-548-8223

8-9 a.m., Network Lake County, a business networking group, meets at In-Laws restaurant in Gurnee, call 847-548-5305

Friday, January 3

7:30 a.m., Lake County Chamber of Commerce networkers group meets at the Hampton Inn in Gurnee. For info., call 847-249-3800

7-9 p.m., Support group for divorced or separated people. Child care provided at no cost. Held at Calvary Christian Center, 134 Monaville Rd. in Lake Villa. For further details, call 847-356-6181

Saturday, December 28

9:30-11 a.m., Singles Breakfast Group for ages 55 plus. Held at In-Laws Restaurant, 720 Rte. 21 in Gurnee. Call Pat at 847-367-4936

7-11 p.m., Youth concert with four local bands held at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 1822 Grand Ave. in Lindenhurst. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Cost is \$3, proceeds benefit the youth ministry. For details, call 847-356-8140

Sunday, December 29

7-9 p.m., Open Gym at ACHS, cost \$2 (adults only)

Monday, December 30

12:45 p.m., Bingo held at The Antioch Senior Center, call 847-395-7120 for details

5:30 p.m., TOPS group meets in Lindenhurst at the Victory Ambulatory Surgery Center and Outpatient Services at 1050 Red Oak Lane on the first floor. Call Tina at 847-265-9364 or Flo at 847-356-4410

6:30-8 p.m., Support group, Blending Families, meets at 550 N. Main St. in Antioch. The group addresses issues of families raising children not born to them. For more info., call 847-838-9904

7:30 p.m., Antioch Jaycees meet at Regency Inn, call 847-395-8035

7-9 p.m., Lakes Area Community Band rehearsal at ACHS, call 847-395-6729

Tuesday, December 31

Parent/child workshop on making a new year's time capsule or a toy container held at ArtWorks Children's Museum, 130 Washington St. In Ingleside. Free with admission or membership, workshop held throughout the day. Programs held every Tues. and Wed. For more info., or directions, call Sharon White at 847-587-7882

Saturday, January 4

9:30-11 a.m., Singles Breakfast Group for ages 55 plus. Held at In-Laws Restaurant, 720 Rte. 21 in Gurnee. Call Pat at 847-367-4936

7:30 p.m., Lake County Camera Club meets at Gurnee Senior Citizen Center, SW corner of Washington St. and Almond Rd. in Gurnee, call 847-856-1583 for more details

Sunday, January 5

8 a.m.-4 p.m., Auto/Truck Parts Swapmeet held at the Lake County Fairgrounds, Rte. 120 & Rte. 45 in Grayslake. Admission is \$6. For more info., call 630-876-1042 or visit skipsusa.com

7-9 p.m., Open Gym at Antioch Community High School, cost \$2, adults only

7:30 p.m., Sun. & Mon., Auditions held for PM&L's production of the musical comedy, "Guys and Dolls." Held at the Antioch Methodist Church, 848 Main St. in Antioch. Parking in back of the church. 15 men and 4 women from the upper teens to 60's or 70's needed. Come with prepared song to demo. vocal range. Dance auditions will be by call-back. Anyone interested in backstage or tech work is also welcome. Show dates are weekends from March 28-April 13. For more details, call 847-395-1333

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By JOHN PHELPS
Sports Editor

The fragrance of the renowned Fraser Christmas tree permeating the home is likely to get just about anyone into the holiday spirit. But more gratifying, perhaps, is knowing that the money used to buy that tree is going to help someone less fortunate.

Take the Gagewood Lions Club, for example. They have been selling Christmas trees and wreaths for nearly 40 years, mostly over on the corner of Rt. 45 and 120 in Grayslake. This year, money raised from the sales will go towards helping the visually impaired, as well as those who suffer from diabetes. Money from the sales will also assist with other Gagewood Lions projects.

"It (Lions Clubs) is the largest service organization in the world," said long-time member Bob Depke, who helped get the local charter from Gurnee to Gagewood established. "The Lions Club members really work their butts off. It's all in an effort to help the less fortunate."

And isn't that what the holiday season is known for?

Only it doesn't stop with the holidays. Local Lions Clubs, including ones in Grayslake, Antioch, Wauconda, Wadsworth and Fox Lake, to name a few, engage in a year-long effort where helping the needy is the primary focus.

"All of the members run the club," added Gagewood Lions' Secretary Carroll Flood. "It's hard sometimes to get people to stay in because they have so many other activities going on in their lives."

Flood has been the club's secretary for the past three years. She was in the Lioness Club eight years ago before it merged to include both men and women, hence making it the Lions Club.

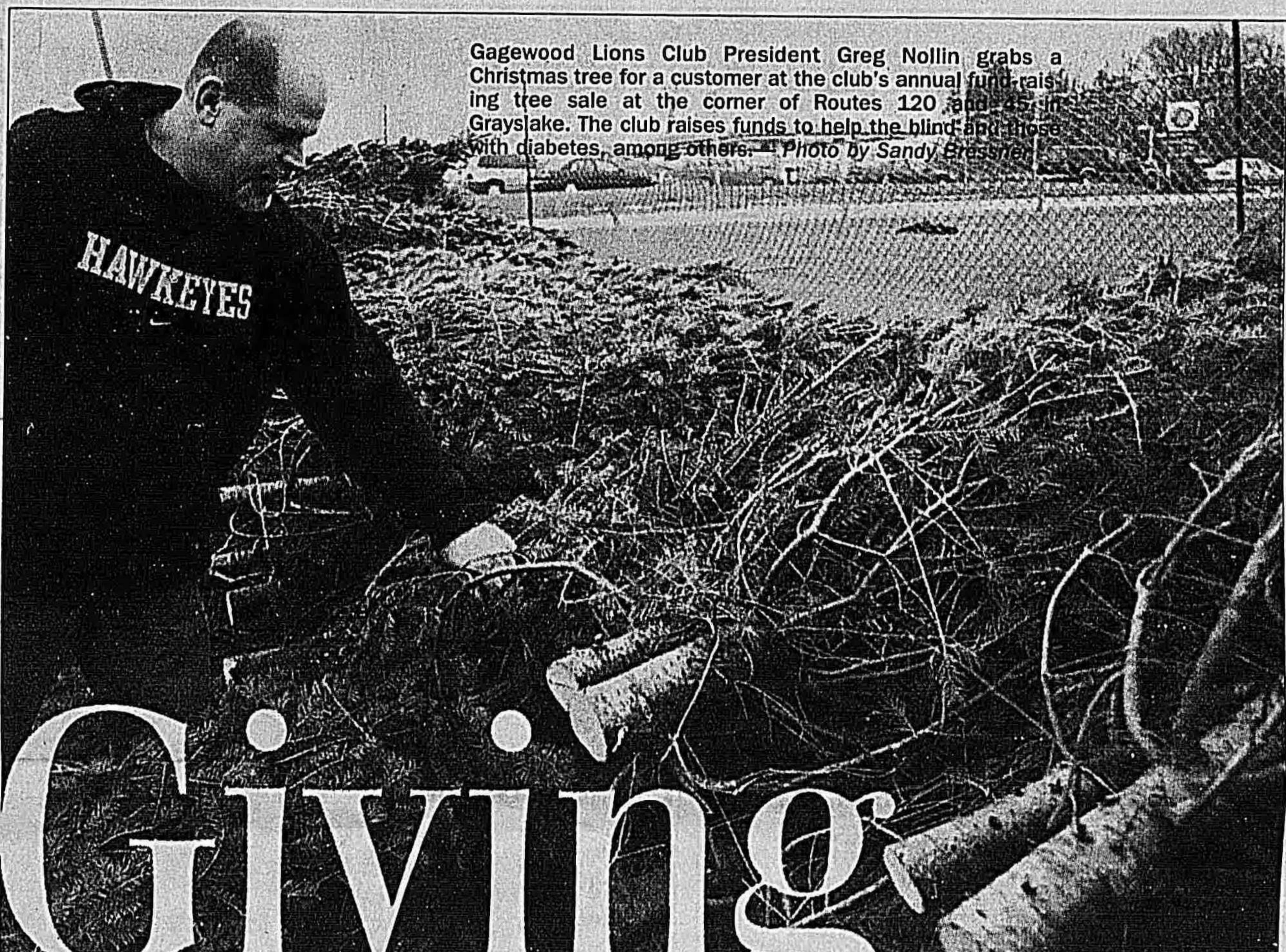
"It's been very gratifying, though," Flood added. "It's all volunteer and like Bob (Depke) said, everyone is here because they want to help. An individual can't do it all—we have to do it as a group."

The Gagewood Lions Club, which is a conglomeration of Gages Lake and Wildwood, currently has around 26 members.

They not only offer assistance on their own, but have been known to combine efforts with other organizations as well.

"A youngster needed a lung transfusion and the Knights of Columbus helped tremendously with making that happen," said Depke. "It depends on the hardship, or hardships. Learning what those are pretty much comes from word of mouth. For instance, we get calls from the schools or school nurses. Then we try and help as much as we can."

Gagewood's Lions Club joins several other local Lions Club chapters in the area, not to mention country and world, with the sole mission of helping raise money primarily for the



Gagewood Lions Club President Greg Nollin grabs a Christmas tree for a customer at the club's annual fund-raising tree sale at the corner of Routes 120 and 45 in Grayslake. The club raises funds to help the blind and those with diabetes, among others. *Photo by Sandy Breitman*

Giving is their gig

Lions Clubs doing their share to help those in need

blind and vision impaired.

"Melvin Jones was the first president. It started with three clubs and as a social club," continued Depke. "Helen Keller, who of course was blind, was a big motivation for starting the clubs."

The first club started as the Knights of the Blind in 1927.

Overall, Lions Clubs today serve nearly 1.4 million members in 190 countries and geographic areas in an effort to answer the

needs that challenge the communities of the world.

Its global neighbors help provide immediate and sustained relief in time of disaster and offer long-term assistance to those in need. Lions collect and recycle eyeglasses for distribution in developing countries and treat millions of people to prevent river blindness.

Gagewood is actively involved with this. Look for a drop box at the Warren Township

Senior Center somewhere around the end of January 2003. That's where you'll find a collection of used eye glasses that are taken in for recycling and sent to those Third World countries in the efforts to help the vision impaired, or people that can't afford the services associated with vision care.

But Lions Clubs' efforts transcend beyond just the monetary. Sometimes, it

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might be the thought that makes a difference.

For instance, several Lions from the Grayslake Lions Club helped throw a party for mothers at the Winchester House Nursing Home in Libertyville last Mother's Day. Piano music was played during the party and each mother received a card and basket of goodies. Lions Clubs also hold fund-raisers throughout the year in effort to raise money for scholarships to area students.

The Wadsworth Lions Club made a donation to A Safe Place, abused women's program. Gagewood also donated \$200 to A Safe Place. For its efforts, Gagewood, which collect-

ed over 1,000 eyeglasses this year, came in third in the Club of the Year contest. Gagewood's success also trickles down to youths themselves. Woodland Middle School student Marichu Gonzalas won first place in the district in the Peace Poster contest for fifth- and sixth-graders. And it was just learned that she also took the top prize in the state and national competition. Her entry will now be placed in the international contest.

"Basically, every Lions Club participates," said Flood. "The purpose of it is for the kids to express their feelings about world peace. In the three years we've been involved in this competition, this is obviously the farthest anyone has advanced. We're very proud of Marichu."

Judging for the international competition will take place in January 2003.

Overall, since 1917, Lions clubs have offered people the opportunity to give some-

thing back to their communities. From involving members in projects as local as cleaning up an area park or as far-reaching as bringing sight to the world's blind, Lions clubs have always embraced those committed to building a brighter future for their community.

There are currently 44,600 clubs worldwide, with the Gagewood Lions Club is one of the oldest clubs in the area.

They also have a pretty successful youth baseball program.

"All of the Lions run it," said President Gary Nollin. "We have an in-house and travel league. It's grown into over 650 kids."

If interested in joining the Gagewood Lions Club, check out their membership drive at Whitney's restaurant Gagewood Lions Club on Mon., Jan. 13 or call your local city hall to obtain information in the Lions Club in your area.

There is somewhat of a misconception as to where some of the money raised goes.

"Not in our pocket," said Depke. "It all goes back to the community and helping somebody out."

Which helps exemplify that the season of giving transcends beyond just the holidays.

Much more than pancakes at Emily's

For the many people who love golden pancakes or a toasty homemade waffle with all the perfect toppings, Emily's Pancake House at 488 N. Green Bay Road in Waukegan is a favorite dining spot. But there is much more than pancakes and waffles on the full scale menu at Emily's Pancake House.

Emily's two owners, brothers George and Steve Grekousis, who have been in the restaurant business for many years, have made sure that the menu at Emily's is filled with a great variety of homemade daily specials that rotate from week to week.

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George and Steve have always contributed to the communities where they have owned restaurants. This year, along with the city of Waukegan, their restaurant contributed 100 turkeys to the needy.

For more information, call 847-336-7700.—By Gloria Davis

Gagewood Lions Club Secretary Carroll Flood and President Greg Nollin show one of the many trees they have for sale as part of their annual fund-raiser in Grayslake. The club raises funds to help the blind and those with diabetes, among others.—Photo by Sandy Bressner

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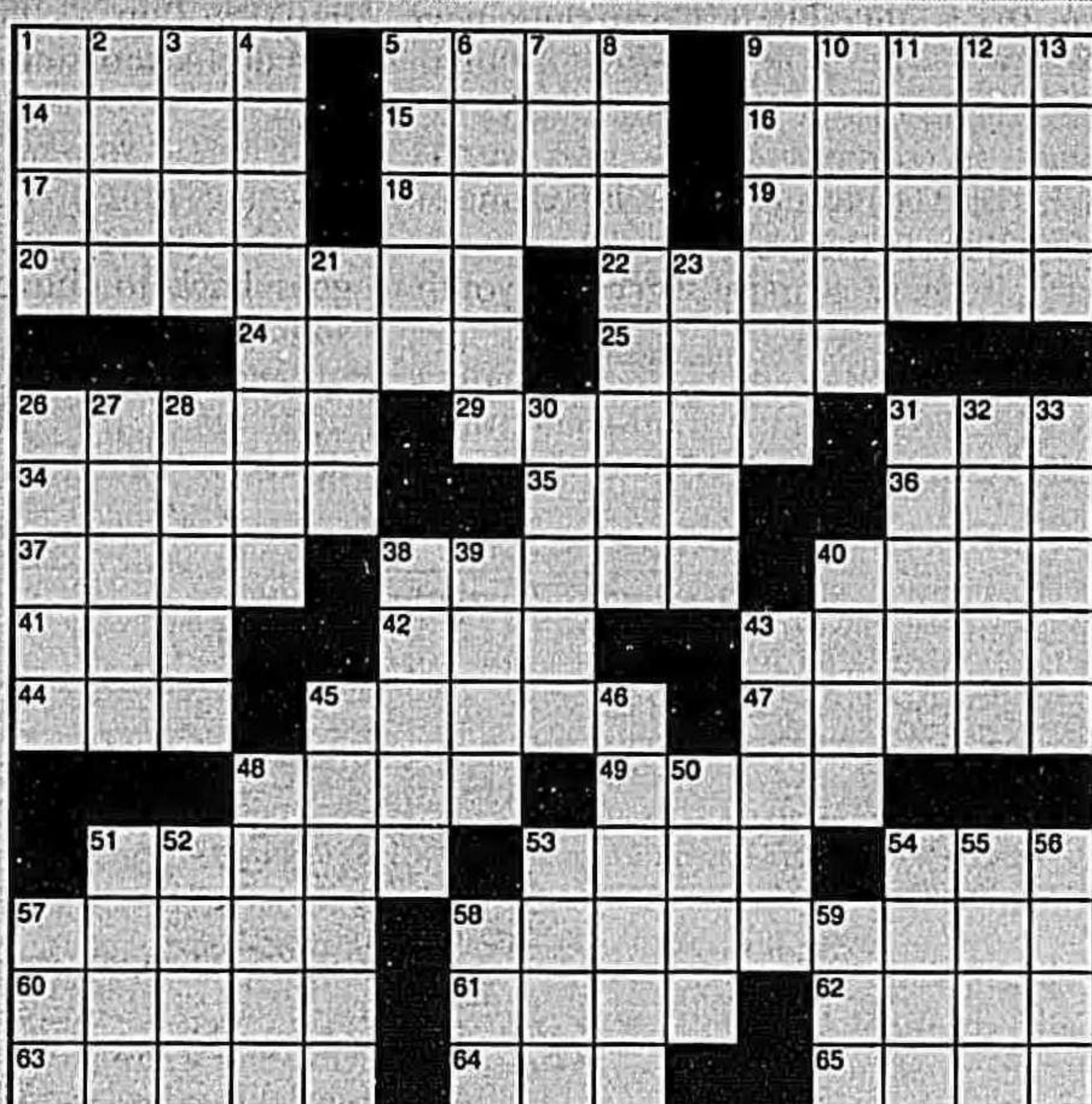
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- Order
- Islamic call to prayer
- Drag
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- Canis familiaris
- Without wonder
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- Which
- Donate income regularly
- Number system base 8
- Donkey
- Small wheel
- Of she
- Humbug
- Arabian Gulf
- Small
- Coffee
- Fall
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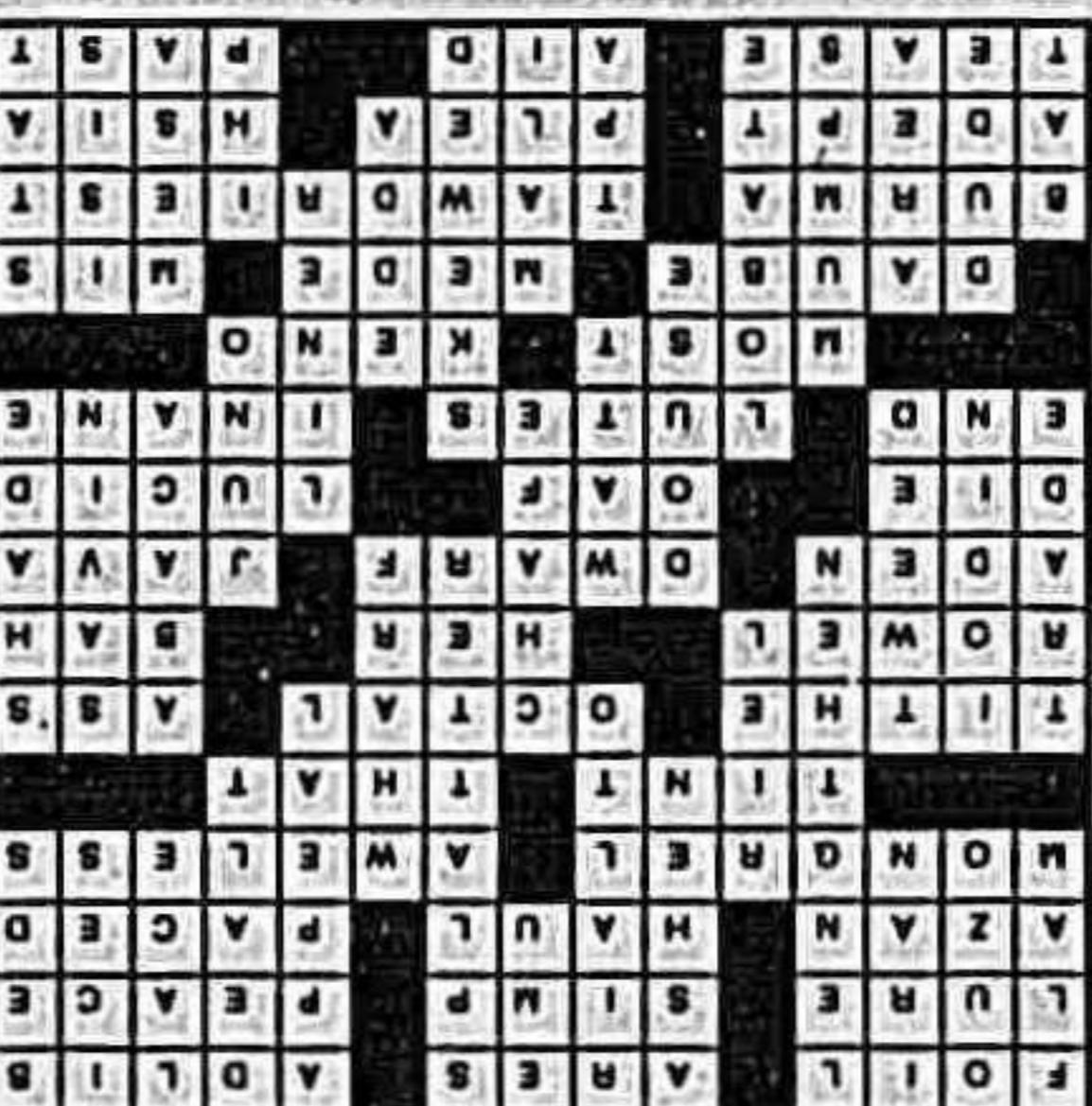


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- Supplication
- First Chinese dynasty
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Down

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- Asian country

Answers



- Build up
- Gray
- Island in Venice
- Flightless bird
- Slosh
- Asking
- Distributed
- Cord
- Frosts
- Stratums
- State of Cambodia
- Landing
- Exchange
- Halogen element
- Woolen
- Anger
- Manila hemp
- Dwarf juniper
- Sun or lamp
- Immerse
- Power unit
- Fourth largest asteroid
- Ship
- Having lobes
- Cata-cornered
- Childhood illness
- Icelandic poems
- Dress flamboyantly
- Topic
- African nation
- Tableland
- Egyptian goddess
- Quantitative fact
- Conk
- Yearly tonnage, abbr.
- Indicated horsepower, abbr.

Volunteers urgently needed at A Safe Place

Volunteers at A Safe Place / Lake County Crisis Center make a real difference in individual lives. Sometimes they even save lives.

They are seeking volunteers for several direct service programs that serve battered women and their children. Spanish-speaking volunteers are needed in all programs.

Those who answer the non-profit agency's 24-hour HELP LINE are often the very first outside contact a victim of domestic violence makes. Court advocates guide victims through the immediate steps necessary to obtain orders of protection. Volunteers in Prevention Education know they are helping to educate the younger generation about healthy dating relationships and how to recognize red flags that may signal abusive tendencies. Those volunteers who mentor the most helpless of victims of domestic violence, the child witnesses, provide the hugs, the warm touch that lets them know they have the right to be safe from violence.

A Safe Place will conduct the required 40-hour training sessions January 22, 23, 24, 27 and 28 for persons interested in becoming volunteers at the nonprofit agency or for professionals whose occupations include contact with domestic violence victims.

There are numerous volunteer

opportunities within the comprehensive program for victims of domestic abuse. Volunteers who take the agency's 40-hour training program may be selected to serve as court advocates, crisis line counselors, assistants in presenting prevention education and community education programs, and children's mentors.

The 40-hour training program instruction includes the dynamics of domestic violence, client-centered counseling, effects of domestic violence on children, teen dating violence, legal remedies in Illinois, safety planning for victims, and diversity issues.

To enroll, or for more information, please contact Autumn Franger, Director of Community Outreach, Education and Training, at 847-249-5147. Deadline for applications for the January training is January 15.

A variety of volunteer opportunities which do not require 40-hour training are also available including small maintenance and repair jobs around the primary shelter facility, organizing donated materials, preparing agency mailings and other clerical tasks. Individuals and groups interested in supportive activities to benefit the agency can organize various supply drives needed for the more than 14,000 nights of shelter provided by A Safe Place annually.

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Music of the decades will take the spotlight, from '20s flapper-style syncopation from the West End Jazz Band to the '90s beat of Electric Chittlins Stew, an eclectic combination of funk, R&B with touches of blues and Latin.

A special feature of this year's celebration will be the World Friends venue, sponsored by Gateway Computers. The

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NATURE

Winter hike at Volo Bog

Bring those out-of-town guests for a holiday hike! Volo Bog naturalist Stacy Iwanicki will cover unique adaptations that plants and animals have to get through the cold, Saturday, Dec. 28, 10 a.m.-noon. Hibernation, supercooling, galls, snowflakes and animal tracks all will be discussed on this hike. So bundle up and be prepared to venture forth! Ages 7 to adult are welcome. Reservations are required. For more information, call 815-344-1294.

Search for winter owls

Discover "who-who" is awake at night as you search for owls at the Lake County Forest Preserves Owl Prowl program on Saturday, Jan. 11, from 4:30 - 6 p.m., at the Ryerson Conservation Area which is located on Riverwoods Road, just south of Half Day Road (Rte. 22), near Deerfield.

For more information or to register, call the Lake County Forest Preserves at 847-968-3321, or visit www.LCFP.org. The cost is \$7 (\$5 for Lake County residents) per person. Registration and prepayment are required.



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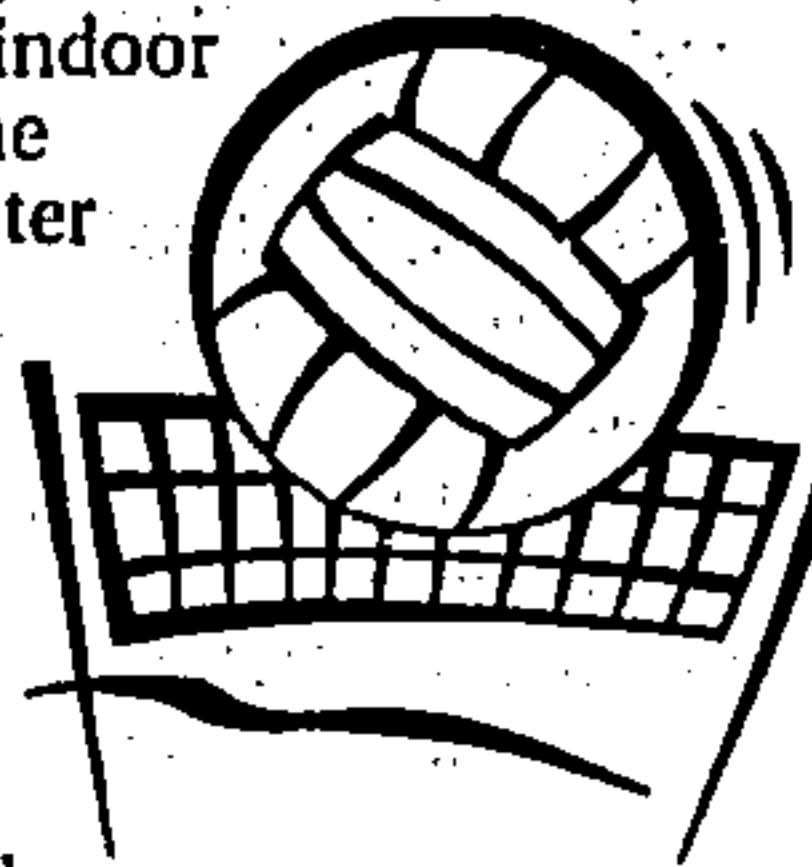
Around the world during some of the darkest days of the year, people celebrate with light. Learn about some of these celebrations and make a peace candle to celebrate the start of the new year. The Kenosha Public Museum hosts this free family activity and is located at 5500 First Ave. in Kenosha, Wis. Advanced registration is not necessary. For more information, call 262-653-4140.



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Adults who enjoy playing indoor volleyball are invited to the Northbrook Park District's winter league, which will be forming for 10 weeks of play. A,B and corporate skilled leagues will be formed, with play-offs and tournament champions receiving cash prizes. Games are held at Northbrook and Woods Oaks junior high schools in Northbrook, beginning Monday, Jan. 20. Register by Monday Jan. 6. Fees are \$250 per team, with a \$10 charge per non-resident. For more information, please call the Athletic Department at 847-291-2369.



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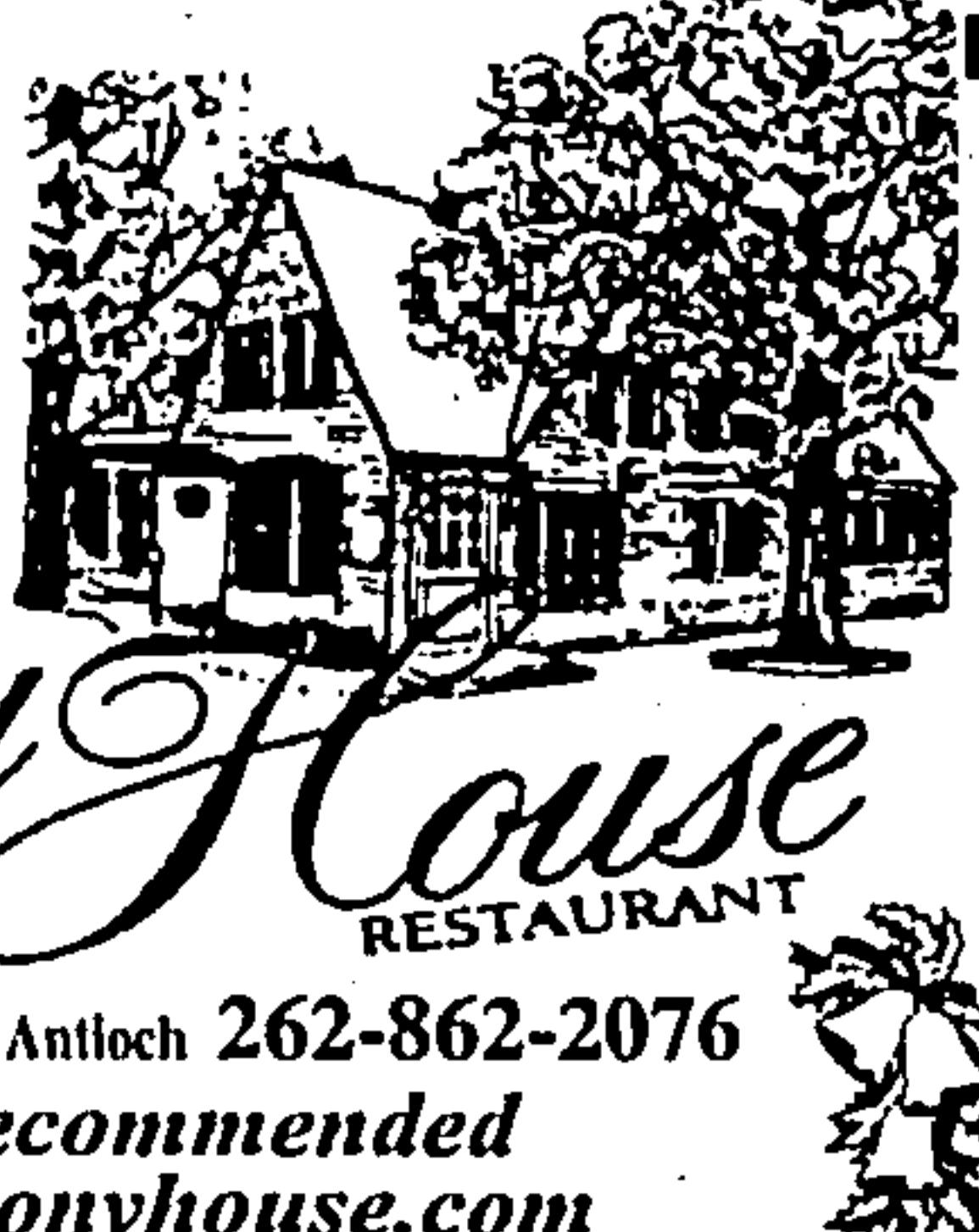
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SHOPPING**Great magazine sale**

A magazine sale will be held at the Lake Villa District Library, located at 1001 East Grand Ave. in Lake Villa. All used magazines, withdrawn from the library's collection, will sell for 25 cents each. Sale hours are Monday, Jan. 6, from 4-8:45 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 7, from 9 a.m.-8:45 p.m.

RECYCLING**Christmas tree roundup**

Recycle your holiday tree at Lake County Forest Preserves by first removing all decorations and then dropping it off at one of the marked spots. The tree will then be converted to woodchips for trails and landscaping. No commercial trees please. The drop offs continue until Feb. 1 at the following forest preserves: Greenbelt, Half Day, Lakewood, Old School and Van Patten Woods.

MUSIC EVENT**Release party**

Argentine pianist and composer Esteban Sehinkman will host a release party for his new CD "Froth of the Days," from 6-8 p.m. on Friday Dec. 27 at Pops for Champagne, 2934 N. Sheffield Ave. in Chicago. There is no charge for this evening of jazz set to a Latin beat. Pop's extensive champagne and wine list, along with full appetizer and dessert menu, will be available. For more information, call 773-472-1000.

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- on the web at www.LCFPD.org
- by phone to 847-968-3212
- by postal mail to "Summer Camp Promotion", Lake County Forest Preserves, 2000 N. Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville IL 60048

Entry deadline is March 15, 2003. Contest is open to Lake County residents only. Additional limitations and rules apply. A contest entry form and complete rules are available on the web site at www.LCFPD.org.

Find Elvis at the Rosemont Theatre

claimed as the best Elvis Presley tribute artist in the world, Chicago native Trent Carlini will return to the Rosemont Theatre, Saturday, Jan. 4, at 8 p.m., with a one-night-only performance of his newest Las Vegas review, "The Dream King." This musical tribute to the King of Rock 'n' Roll follows Elvis' career from his early movies through the Comeback Special, ending the first half with the spectacular "If I Can Dream," then returning with standout selections from Elvis' reign as the King of Las Vegas.

Backed by the 17-piece TC Orchestra, Carlini will cover more than two dozen of the King's greatest hits including "Shake Rattle and Roll," "Don't Be Cruel," "Blue Suede Shoes," "Return to Sender," "Can't Help Falling In Love" and many more favorites.

Carlini, who bills himself as a Presleyian artist, not an impersonator, continues to electrify audiences around the world with his Elvis Presley tribute concerts, and performances six nights a week in Vegas.

Tickets for "The Dream King" concert starring Carlini are on sale at all Ticketmaster locations, on-line at www.ticketmaster.com or by phone at 312-559-1212. Tickets are \$39.75 and \$49.75 and can also be purchased at the Rosemont Theatre Box Office, located 5400 N. River Road in Rosemont. More information is available on-line at www.thedreamking.com.

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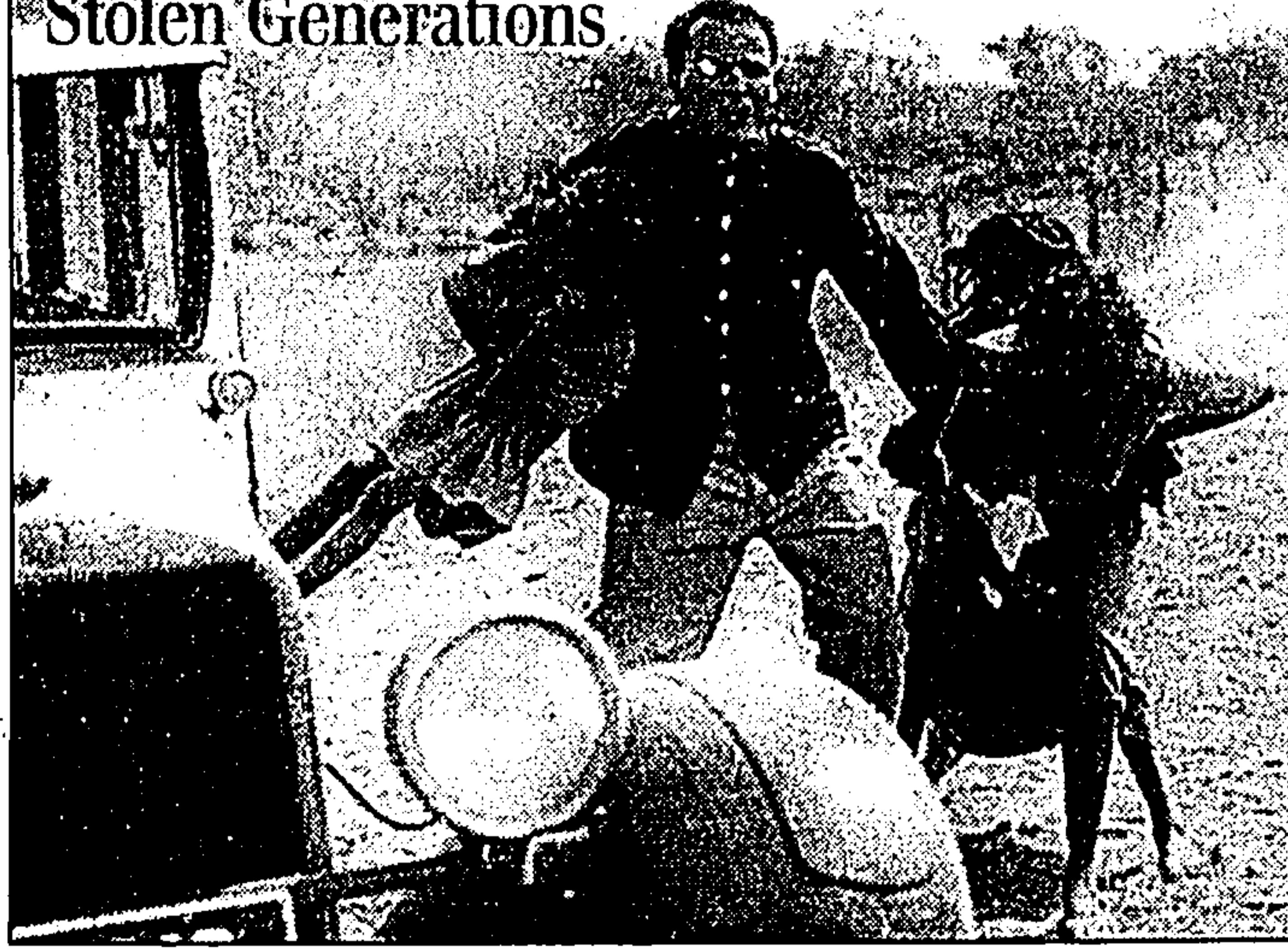
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In 1931, three young girls are taken to a religious camp to be

Rabbit Proof Fences

Rating

PG-13 for violence, language and mature thematic material involving child abuse

Director

Phillip Noyce
Based upon the book by Doris Pilkington Stolen Generations

Starring

Evelyn Sampi
Tianna Sansbury
Laura Monaghan
David Gulpilil
Kenneth Branagh

reeducated in the ways of the white culture. This is a permanent solution whereby the girls are to never have any contact with their mothers again. Fourteen-year-old Molly (Evelyn Sampi) learned survival skills with her Aboriginal family when they went hunting. She knows how to track and survive off of the land. One Sunday when Molly and her sister Daisy (Tianna Sansbury) and cousin Gracie (Laura Monaghan) are left behind to dump the urine bucket, she notices an approaching storm and decides now is the time to make an escape. Even the expert tracker Moodoo (David Gulpilil) will have difficulty finding them because the rain will cover their tracks.

Amazingly, with a combination of a few strokes of luck and considerable skill, the three girls manage to evade their pursuers.

Seeing two of the three girls at the end of the film, now old women, is an emotional event that also speaks to the desire, spirit, creativity and love of these young girls doing what seemed to be the impossible. Most "road pictures" are silly and irrelevant. "Rabbit Proof Fence" is meaningful, educational, heartwarming and unforgettable.



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Far From Heaven (PG-13)
1:15 3:45 6:45 9:15

Die Another Day (PG-13)
2:00 5:15 8:15

Harry Potter 2 (PG)
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Drumline (PG-13)
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Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13)
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Two Weeks Notice (PG-13)
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The Hours

Rating

mature thematic elements, some disturbing images, brief language

Director

Stephen Daldry

Starring

Meryl Streep, Nicole Kidman
Julianne Moore, Ed Harris
Claire Danes



Nicole Kidman in "The Hours"

opportunities are held to a prismatic light in this beautifully plaintive film.

A tapestry of the experiences of three women's lives, the story crosses decades to interweave the taut strands of one determinative day in each of their lives. In the placid countryside of 1920's England, the emotionally fragile novelist Virginia Woolf (Nicole Kidman) begins writing "Mrs. Dalloway." Thirty years later, Laura Brown (Julianne Moore), a house-

wife in post WWII suburban Los Angeles is caught in the rip tide of emotion she experiences as she reads the novel. And in New York City, Clarissa Vaughn (Meryl Streep), a book editor, personifies a modern day Mrs. Dalloway, indeed she shares that character's given name; determined to have it all, at great expense to herself.

The women search within themselves for the thread of normalcy that will hold at bay the insanity that threatens to unravel their lives; those confines of acceptable behavior, as defined by society. Woolf's life and choices resonate through time with Laura's quiet desperation and difficult choice, and Clarissa's penultimate link, which brings realization to us all. Sexual identity, yearning, courage and consequences come together in this provocative story.

Director Stephen Daldry and screenwriter David Hare, look for Oscar nods for each, have adapted Michael Cunningham's Pulitzer Prize winning novel into a flawless montage, resting firmly on Virginia Woolf's foundation of the critical assessment of existence that has defined women's lives for nearly a century. Some dark truths are revealed, yes, but several luminous and Oscar worthy performances bring great light to this magnificent looking film, which already claims six Golden Globe nominations.

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DRUMLINE (PG-13)
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FRIDAY AFTER NEXT (R)
7:30 9:30

GANGS OF NEW YORK (R)
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HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS (PG)
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LORD OF THE RINGS (PG-13)
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THE HOT CHICK (PG-13)
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THE WILD THORNBERRY'S MOVIE (R)
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TREASURE PLANET (PG)
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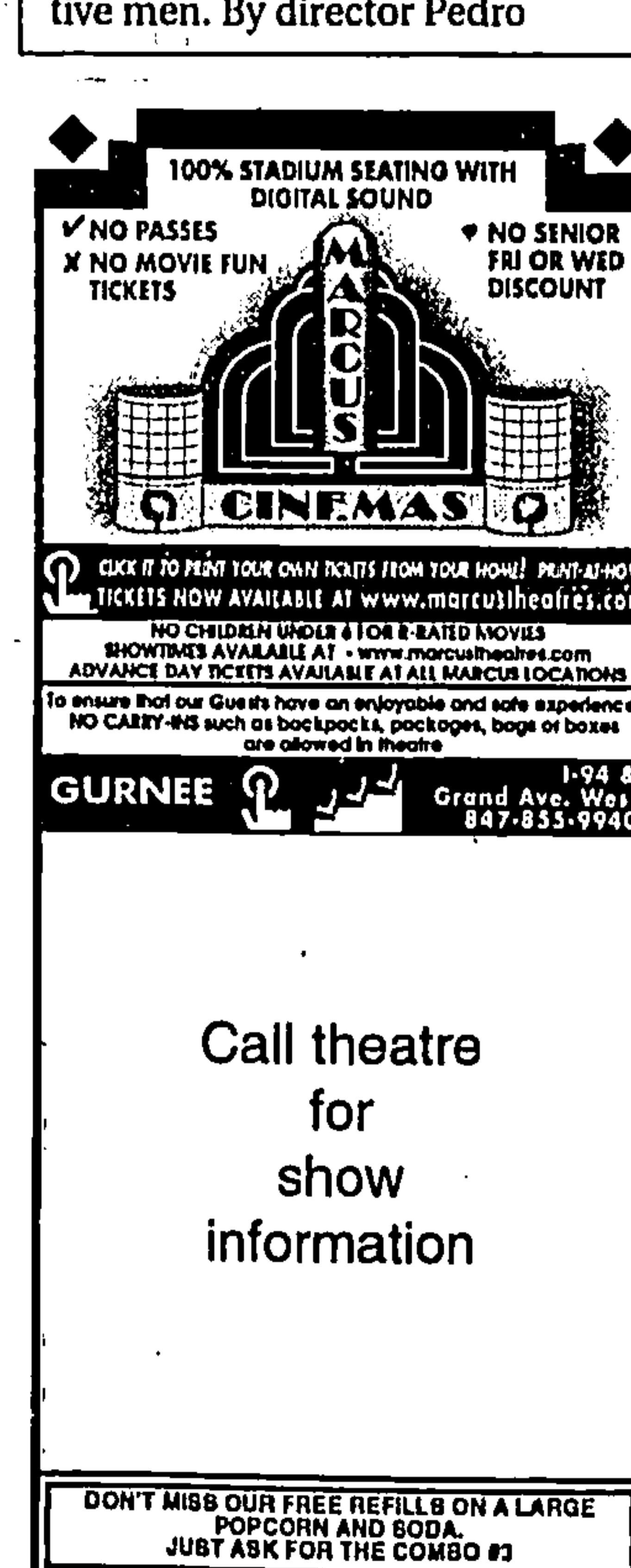
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The dinner party packages are \$65 per person and require advance reservations. Call Duke O'Brien's at 815-356-9980 to reserve your party package.

This casual, friendly two-level restaurant includes a sports bar, seasonal outdoor beer garden and nightclub that is housed in a historic building near the NW train tracks. Duke O'Brien's menu brings a taste of the Southwest and of Ireland to the northwest suburbs. The eclectic eatery's dual decor blends Irish pub with accents reminiscent of the Old West.

Irish American New Year

Ring in the New Year with old friends and make some new ones at the Irish American Heritage Center's party in the Fifth Province. The IAHC is located at 4626 North Knox Ave. near the Kennedy and Edens Expressways, with plenty of free parking on site. Doors open at 7 p.m. There will be hors d'oeuvres, party favors and a champagne toast at midnight. Music provided by Dal Riada for waltzing and jiving. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. For more information, call 773-282-7035.

Navy Pier celebration

The fun continues on New Year's Day. Families are invited to start the year at Navy Pier with a variety of free family programming on New Year's Day, Jan. 1. Entertainment will conclude with a fireworks display, choreographed to all time family favorites at 6 p.m. The final ten seconds of 2002 will be marked by a bright lighting display on the Navy Pier Ferris Wheel. Ten rings of beaming light, disappearing one-by-one, will count the final ten seconds of 2002.

Zanies special event

Robert Schimmel stars in this special event at Zanies Comedy Club, 230 Hawthorn Village Commons in Vernon Hills. Showtime is Dec. 31 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Tickets are \$45 for the 7 p.m. show and \$55 for the 10 p.m. show, plus a two item minimum. For information, call 312-337-4027.

Ring in the New Year with these suggestions**'Blue Chicago' party is tops**

If you are in the River North area in Chicago on Dec. 31, head to Blue Chicago's two blues clubs on Clark Street for one of the best New Year's Eve parties in town. One fee of \$25 gets you into both clubs to see two world famous blues bands in one night, plus party favors, funny hats and a champagne toast at midnight. Be sure to arrive early at either club and get your hand stamped so you can see both bands. Opening at 8 p.m., the music starts at 9 p.m. Both Blue Chicago's will be closed on Jan. 1. Appearing at 736 N. Clark St. (at Superior) will be Willie Kent and the Gents with Patricia Scott. Call 312-642-6261 for more information. Appearing at 536 N. Clark St. (at Ohio) will be Big Time Sarah and the B.T.S. Express. For more information, call 312-661-0100.

Swing at Pops Highwood

New Year's Eve 2002 will be a swinging event at Pops Highwood, 214 Green Bay Rd., in Highwood, featuring Highland Park's own Judy Roberts on the smoke-free jazz club side and the blue-harmonica of Pierre Lacoque and Mississippi Heat on the bar side. The club opens at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 31. Ample free parking is available. The Judy Roberts Quartet will play from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. with dancing, party favors and a disposable camera included. The \$60 cover charge includes a champagne toast. Prepaid reservations are required. Mississippi Heat will serve up traditional urban blues with freshness and energy for those who wish for a more casual New Year's event. The band will perform from 8:30 p.m.-1 a.m. with a \$28 cover that includes music, party favors and camera. No reservations are required. For more information, call 847-266-1313.

Celtic countdown

Dury Nellies rings in the New Year when it's midnight in Dublin. Enjoy live Irish music with Whitey O'Day and the Chicago Rovers on two stages. An Irish dinner buffet, available at a small extra cost, will offer Guinness ham, Guinness stew, corned beef and cabbage and more. The party starts at 4 p.m. and will be highlighted by a 6 p.m. champagne toast in honor of the New Year that's just begun in Ireland (six hours ahead of us). A \$6 cover includes party favors and champagne toast.

The party will wind up at 7:30 p.m. when Nellie's will prepare for round two; party with Local H from 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. New Year's Eve. A \$55 cover (advance tickets only; limited space) includes party favors, champagne toast and open bar. Local H, a two-man band, is led by guitarist/singer Scott Lucas and drummer Brian St. Clair. Local H was influenced by bands like Cheap Trick, R.E.M. and AC/DC. For more information visit www.LocalH.com or www.hcorner.com.

'Auld Lang Syne'

The song, "Auld Lang Syne," is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year. At least partially written by Robert Burns in the 1700s, it was first published in 1796 after Burns' death. Early variations of the song were sung prior to 1700 and inspired Burns to produce the modern rendition. An old Scotch tune, "Auld Lang Syne" literally means "old long ago," or simply, "the good old days." <http://wilstar.com/holidays/newyear.htm>

Auld Lang Syne

Should auld acquaintance be forgot
and never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
and days of auld lang syne?
For auld lang syne, my dear,
for auld lang syne,
we'll take a cup of kindness yet,
for auld lang syne.
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
and never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
and days of auld lang syne?
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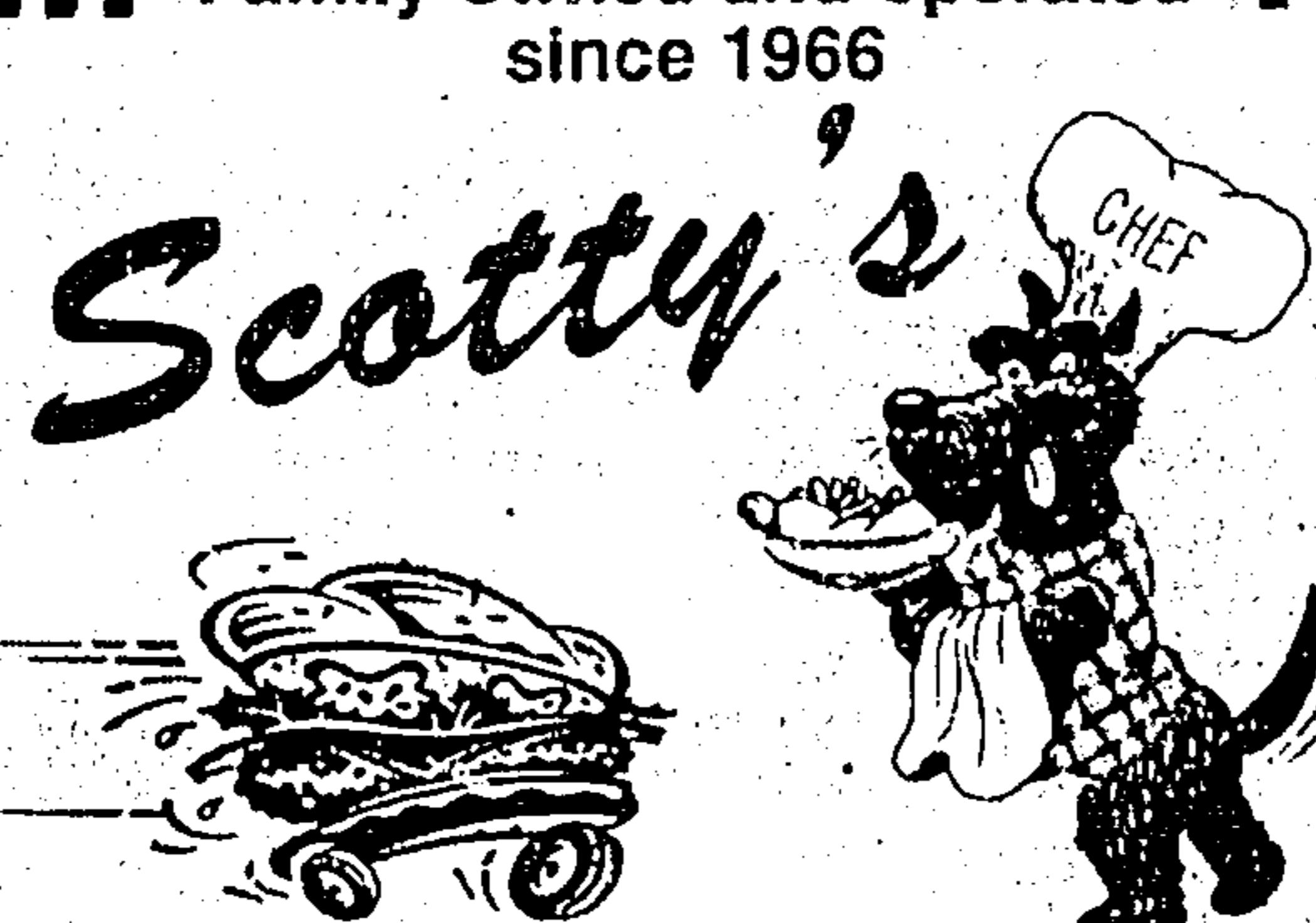
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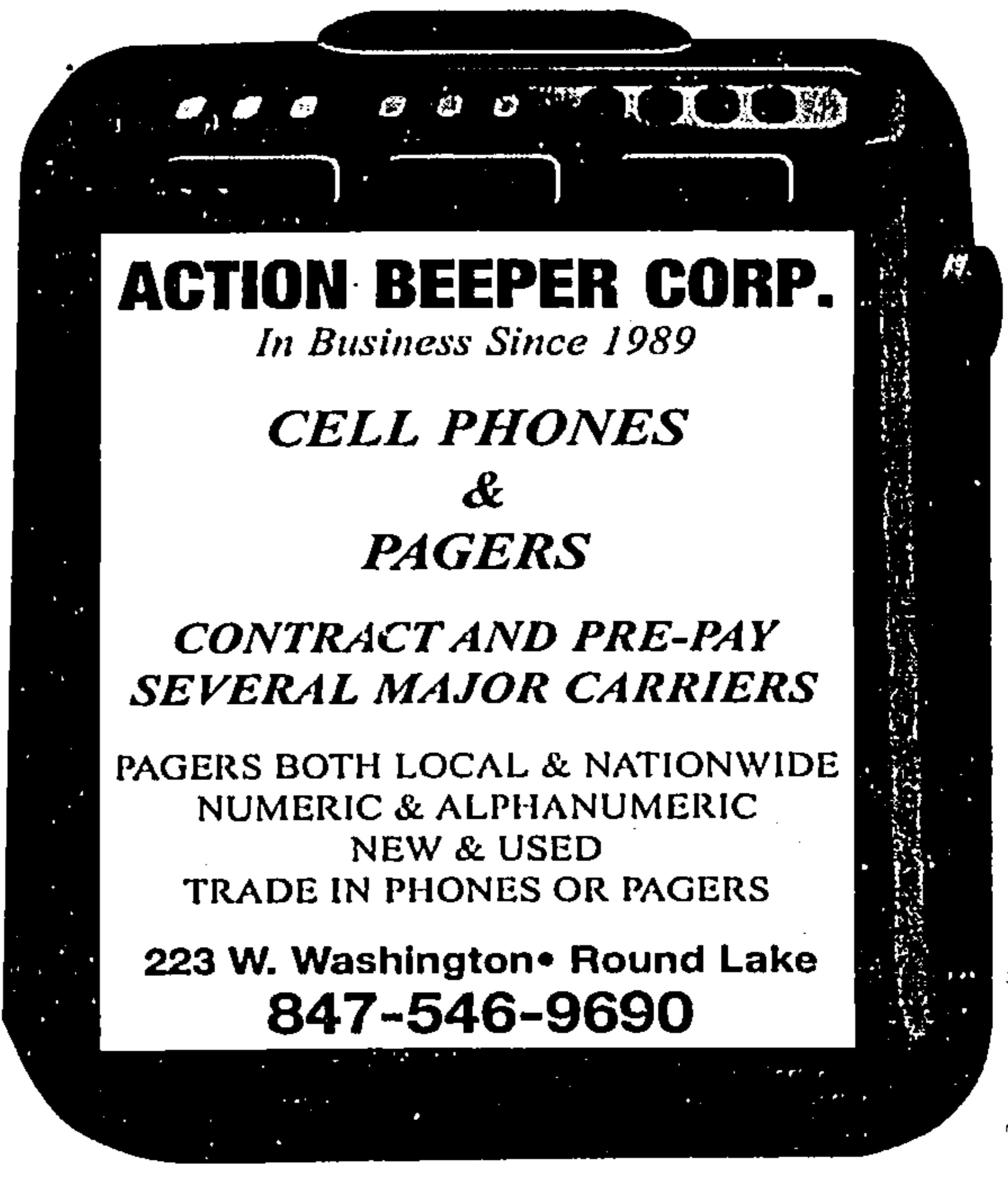
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SWM, 61, 185lbs, no children, employed, educated, financially secure Scorpio, non-smoker, enjoys concerts. Seeking attractive woman, 42-60, for companionship. **TR347528**

MUSICIAN
Slim, handsome SWM, 35, 5'8", brown/blue, Aries, smoker, seeks woman, 23-38, to share nice times and get to know each other. **TR849048**

2 WAY STREET
SWM, 49, 6'2", 195lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, mustache, likes firesides, quiet times, I intelligent, attractive SF, 35-50, slender/average-built, for possible LTR. **TR352786**

SENSE OF HUMOR
Well-educated SWCM, 30, 6', 173lbs, brown/hazel, trim, N/S, N/D, pisces, no children, never married, sincere, honest, outgoing, down-to-earth, enjoys tennis, reading, travel, bowling, movies, animals, concerts, plays. Seeking slender, educated SWCF, 24-30, with similar qualities and interests. **TR882771**

HOW ABOUT A DATE?
SWM, 30, 6'1", 200lbs, brown/brown, enjoys movies, reading, music, sports, the outdoors. Seeking SF, 21-40, who would like to get to know me. **TR370250**

ALL YOU COULD ASK FOR
Self-employed SWM, 55, 185lbs, 5'10", likes boating, fishing, dancing, outdoor activities, not into sports. Seeking independent, outdoorsy SWHF, who'd care to join me. **TR841744**

EDUCATED AND SECURE
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SW father, 49, loves old cars, boats, motorcycles. Seeking attractive young lady for fun times. **TR604481**

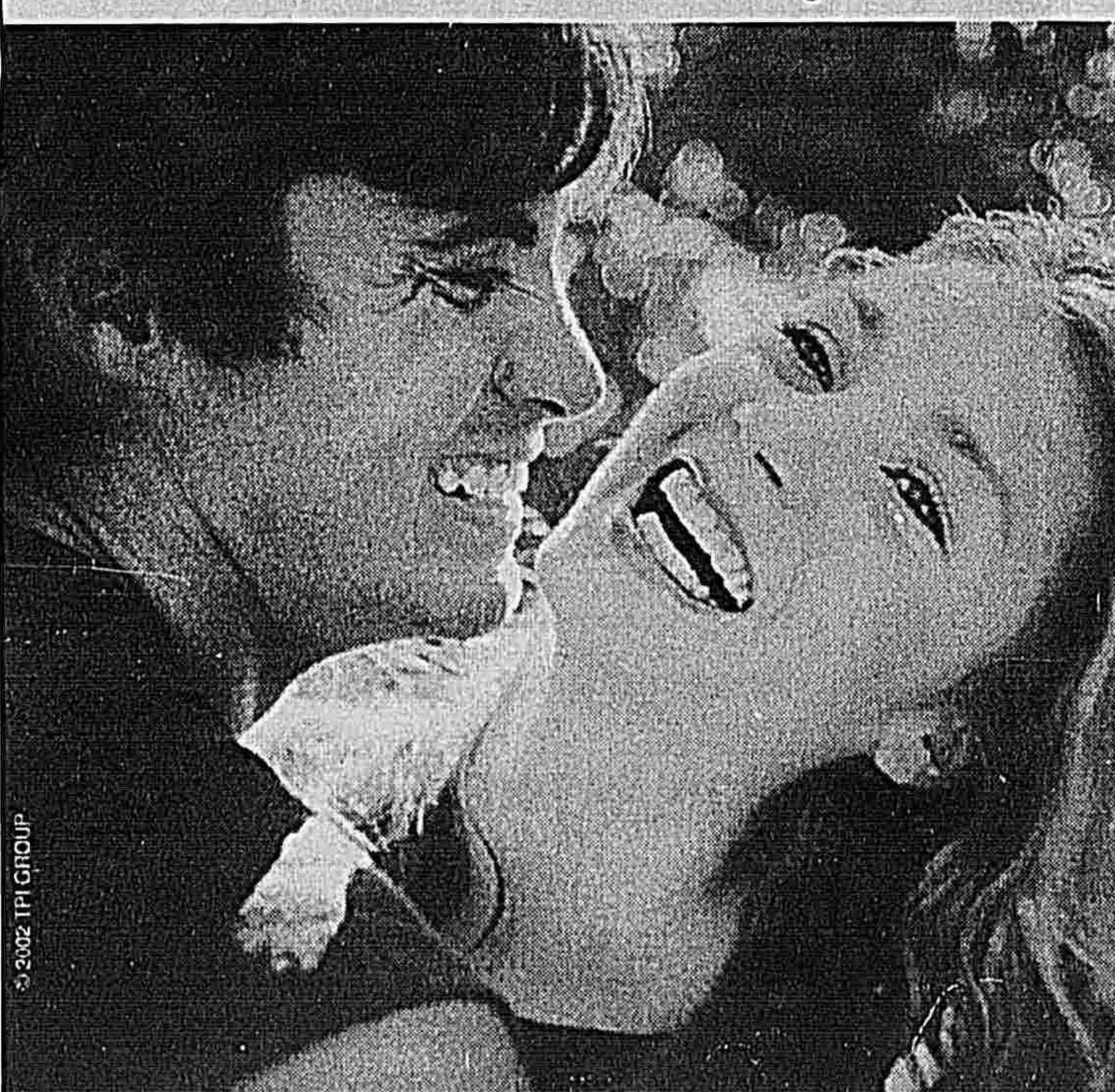
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SWM, 49, 6', 205lbs, N/S, father, new to area, seeks nice, outgoing, fun-loving, active SWF, 30-35, petite/slim, N/S. **TR510642**

WELCOME ABOARD
Good-looking SWM, 49, 6'2", 195lbs, brown/blue, seeks intelligent, beautiful, down-to-earth SF, 35-50, with heart, who is willing to share all of life. Life is a two way street. North Side. **TR462193**

NO BAR FLIES
Spontaneous, unique, fit, active DWM, 49, Pisces, dad, smoker, enjoys outdoors, thunderstorms, biking. Seeking quality quiet time with one special lady who is a SWF, 36-52. **TR431075**

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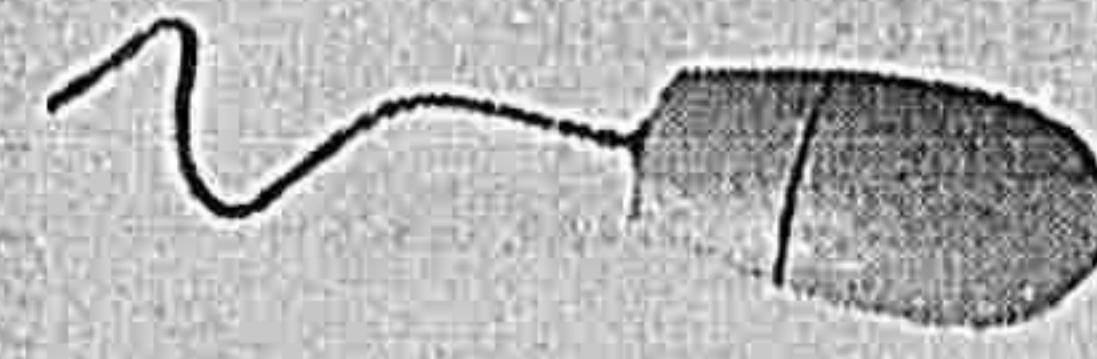
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W	White
A	Asian
S	Single
J	Jewish
P	Professional
N/D	Non-Drinker
N/S	Non-smoker
LTR	Long-term Relationship

HOROSCOPE**Aries - March 21/April 19**

Don't get angry with a friend simply because he or she makes a mistake. This person doesn't mean to hurt you. Besides, it's easy for you to correct the situation. So, set things straight, and forget about it. A loved one offers you romantic advice. Take it. Sagittarius plays a key role on Tuesday.

Taurus - April 21/May 19

Try not to let bad news upset you early in the week. You have a lot to do, and several people are counting on you to get everything accomplished. Stay focused, and work diligently. That's how you'll get things done. A close friend needs your help with a personal problem. Do what you can for him or her.

Gemini - May 22/June 21

You have a hectic week ahead of you, Gemini. It's a good thing that you enjoy being busy. You're in your

element this week. So, work hard, and enjoy yourself. The person whom you've been seeing wants to intensify the relationship. Say yes, because you know that this is what you want, too.

Cancer - June 22/July 21

Don't let work get you down this week, Cancer. It's just a job — remember that. There are more important things in your life right now. While you should work diligently, find true joy in your family and friends. That's where your contentment is. Virgo plays an important role late in the week.

Leo - July 23/August 22

Stand your ground when it comes to a disagreement with a loved one. He or she is trying to make you do something that you really don't believe in. Don't let this person get away with it. Follow your heart. A close friend needs a shoulder to cry on. Be there for him or her.

Virgo - Aug 24/Sept 22

There is a lot going on this week when it comes to your family, Virgo. Don't let this get you nervous. Your loved ones know what they are doing; let them do it. Don't

give them your opinion unless it is asked for. That special someone has an important question for you. Be honest when answering him or her.

Libra - Sept 23/Oct 22

A loved one needs to talk to you about a personal problem. While you don't want to get involved, you must. Listen to what this person has to say, and let him or her know what you really think. Your honesty will be appreciated. Leo plays a key role.

Scorpio - Oct 24/Nov 22

You receive a long-awaited reward early in the week, Scorpio. Enjoy it, because you certainly deserve it. A family friend turns to you for financial advice. While

you would like to help, don't. Giving your opinion only

will get you into hot water. Taurus plays a key role on Tuesday.

Sagittarius - Nov 23/Dec 21

Control your temper when it comes to a disagreement with a business associate. Getting angry only will get

you into a lot of trouble with the higher-ups. So, instead

of yelling, count to 10. It will do wonders for your

career. A friend of a friend reveals his or her true feelings for you. Let this person down gently.

Capricorn - Dec 22/Jan 19

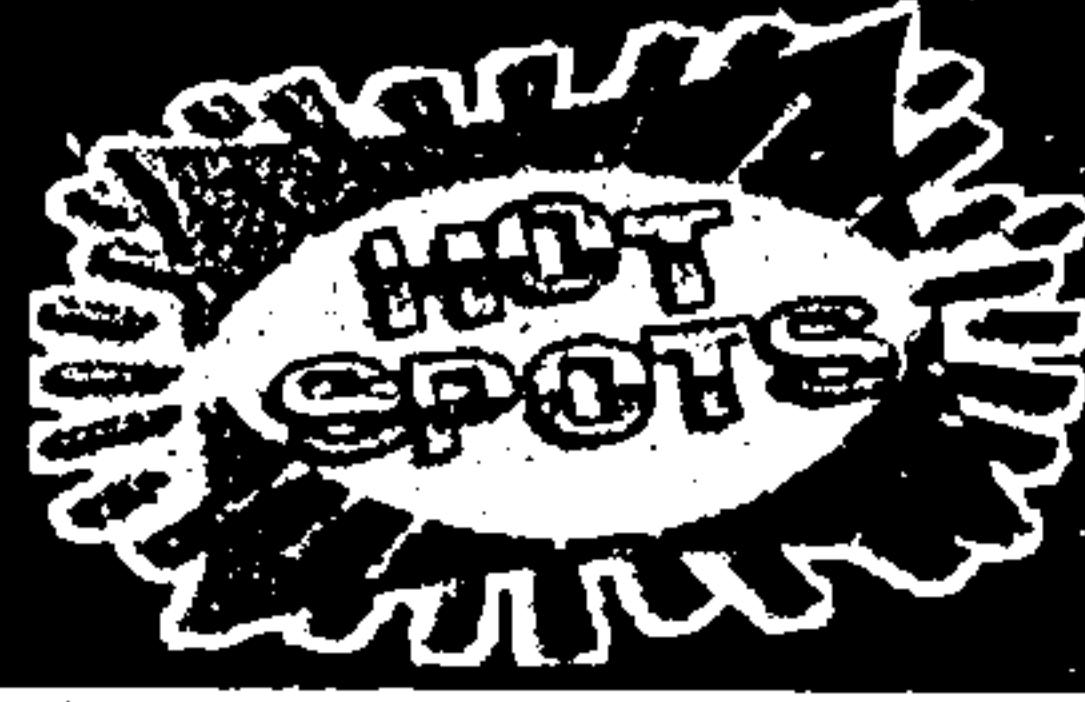
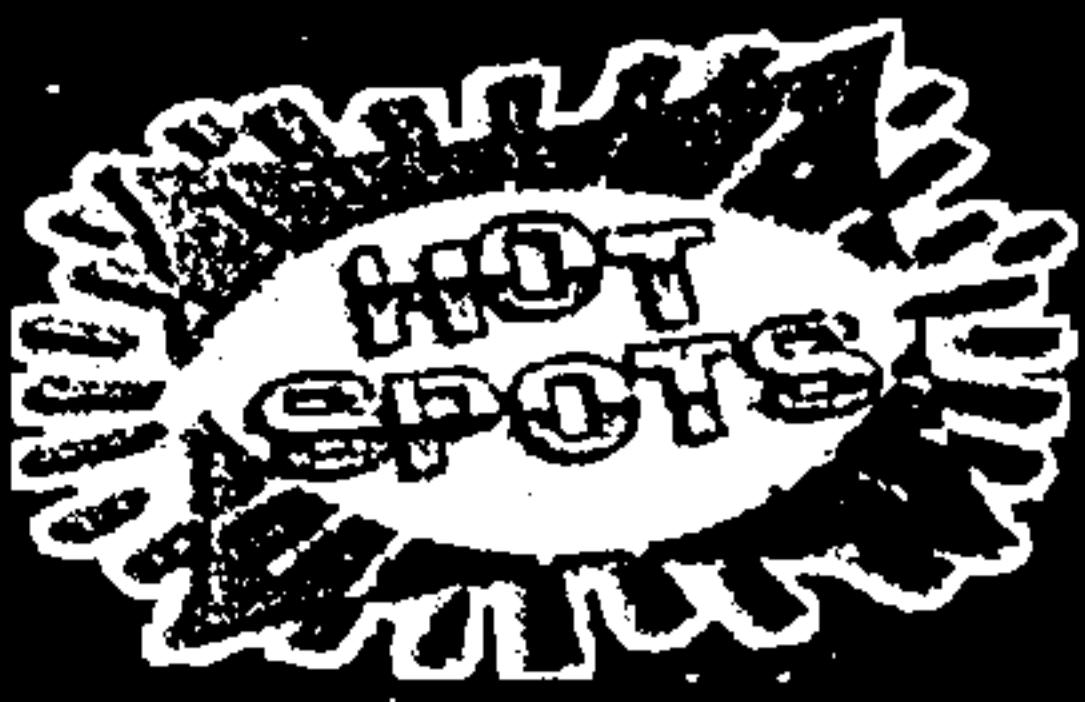
Don't be shy when you run into an intriguing person late in the week, Capricorn. Get to know him or her better; it definitely will be worth it. This could be the one. A close friend has a surprise for you on Thursday. Be prepared for something shocking. Pisces plays an important role.

Aquarius - Jan 21/Febr 18

Take your time when it comes to making a business decision this week, Aquarius. A lot of people will be affected by your choice. So, do your research; don't just make a snap decision. Turn to a loved one for advice if you need it. He or she won't steer you in the wrong direction.

Pisces - Feb 19/March 20

While you would like to help an acquaintance in need, don't get involved in the situation. There is much more going on here than meets the eye. That special someone stops calling. Try not to be too upset, because you know that he or she wasn't the one.

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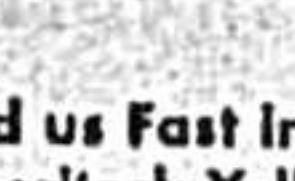
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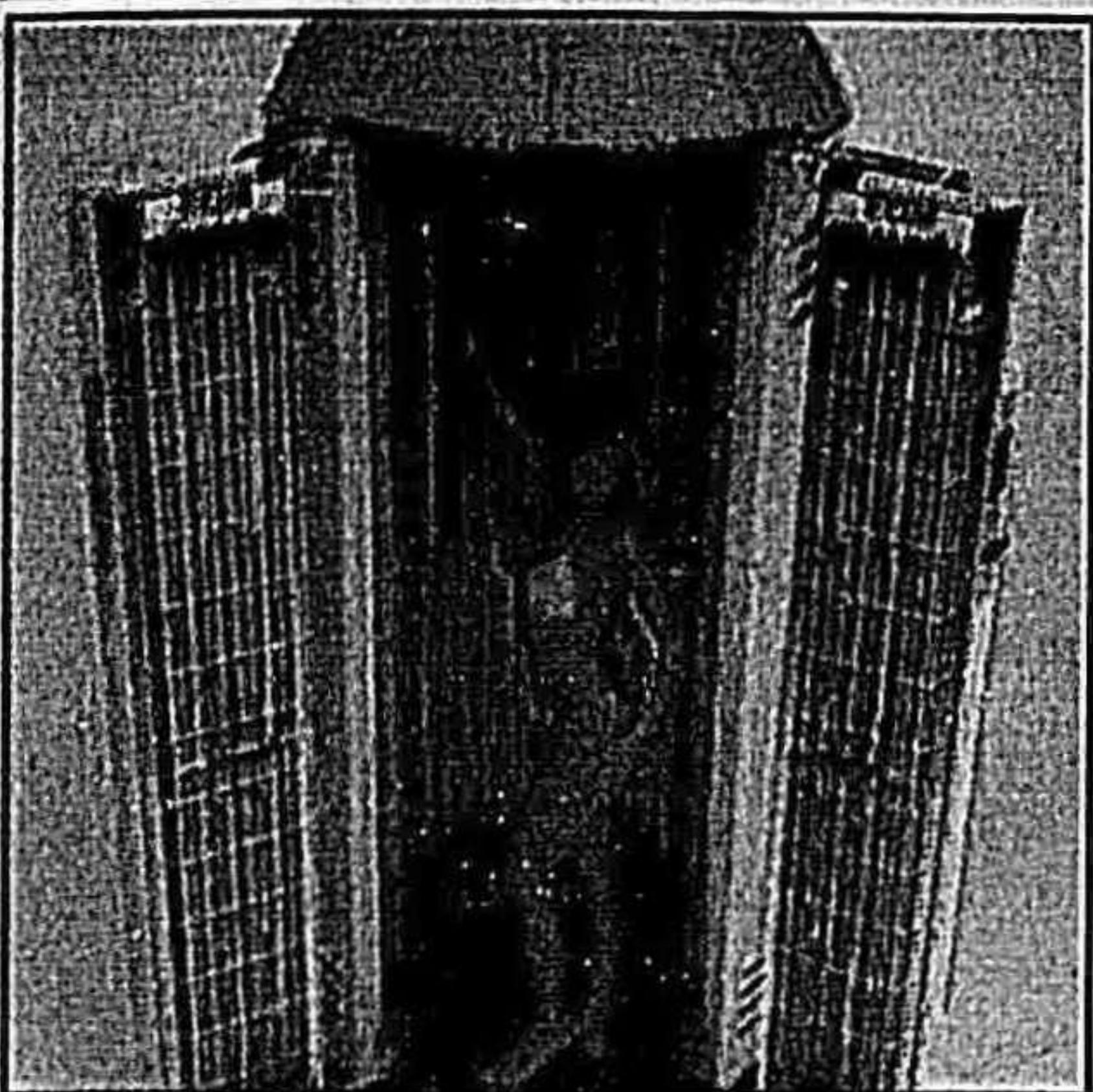
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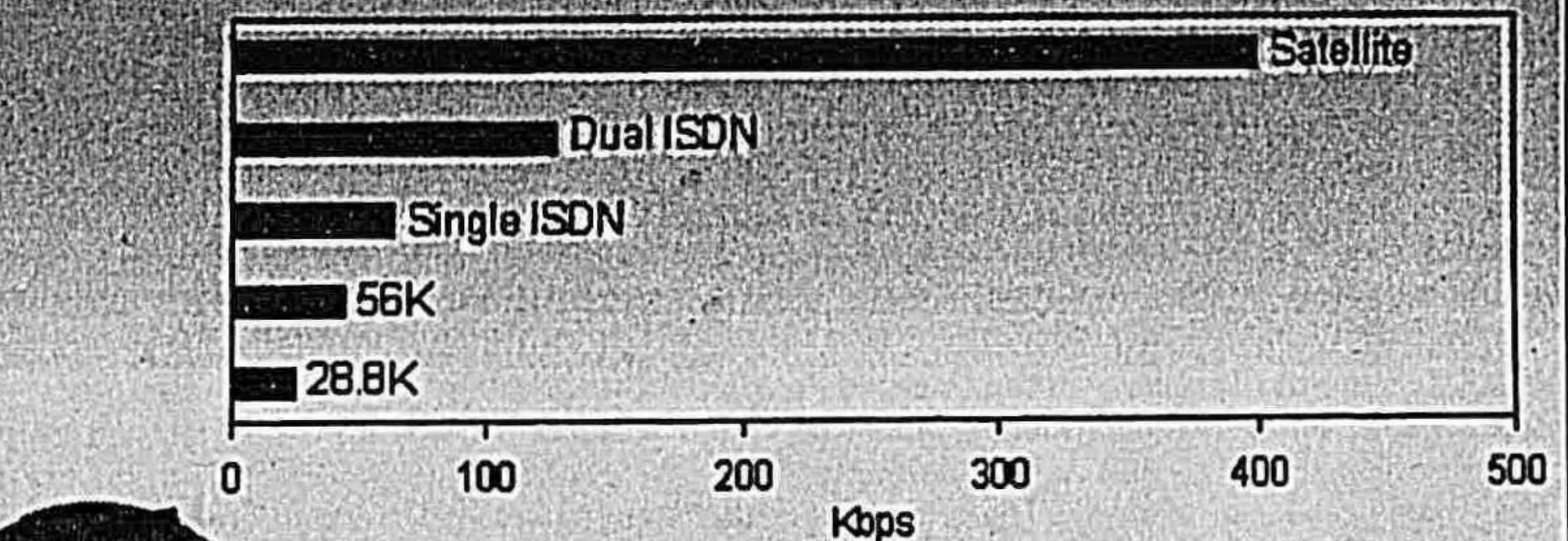
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A disappointment

The approval of the Wal-Mart complex is a disappointment, but the manner in which the measure was passed is very discouraging. Mayor Maravelas invalidated his campaign pledges and lied to his constituents. The government in Antioch is rapidly losing the faith of its citizens, not because of what the government passed or did not pass, but because the underhanded methods it has employed.

*George B. Close
Antioch*

Messy progress

Antioch is Lake County's poster child for demonstrating how quickly village leaders will relinquish substantial control of a town's future to developers such as GLP. Village leaders could not wait for further planning and analysis! They had to decide NOW, and they had to support a SUPER Wal-Mart, as if there would never, ever be future opportunities for intelligent development. And after the holidays are over, we will again suffer through, but now with personal meaning, those gooey, sappy commercials that mask Wal-Mart's reputation for labor disputes, closing local businesses, and excessive commitment to foreign products. Is that the American way? Goodbye Antioch! Hello ProgMess!

*Paul I Hettich
Antioch*

Deal with it

If the village were to stand still, it would eventually die anyway. You cannot keep a viable customer base with the stores that are here now and you cannot protect a downtown. Even the present stores have attempted to broaden their customer base: True Value+Just Ask Rental; Ace+Power Tools and Garden; Floral Acres+Trains & Hobbies; etc. and they've raised their prices and have become more attentive and service oriented.

And where was the vocal minority when True Value opened their rental in competition with A to Z Rental? People who buy their clothes downtown now won't necessarily buy at Wal-Mart, but they won't pass up the opportunity to save money in some choices. One of the store managers at Eagle Foods in Lindenhurst once told me she wished another grocery would open in their town because it would increase store traffic in both. If the stores in Antioch (and their Chamber of Commerce) plan well, they will draw on the increased buying traffic available. Wal-Mart chose the location partially because of the Neumann Homes customer potential.

The Antioch Village Board is made up of ordinary people who volunteered and were elected to do this job. They called on experts to advise them. They listened to other citizens at open meetings and have been accused of all kinds of shenanigans, including payoffs. They subjected themselves and their families to castigation out of fear. Now they have chosen to go ahead with this plan. They, and all of us, will have to

Wal-Mart • What YOU'RE saying

Last week, we asked you to share your thoughts on Wal-Mart's impending arrival in Antioch. Here's what you're saying about Wal-Mart and Mayor Taso Maravelas' quote last week saying he was hard-pressed to find opposition to the superstore coming to the village.

live with it and adjust to it. Next election we'll see who makes the choices. In the meantime, deal with it.

*Douglas and Mary-Jeanne Ploss
Antioch*

Not in our backyard

I think Wal-Mart is going to ruin the village. We moved here because we did want congestion. Now the village board wants to make Antioch into the next Schaumburg or Gurnee Jr. And it all has to do with greed.

They are not listening to what the public wants. I say let's put it to a vote and see what the people of Antioch say. Mayor Taso saying he's talked to 1,000 people and they all wanted a Wal-Mart, where was he? In Gurnee at the Wal-Mart there? All my friends and neighbors do not want the headache. It will ruin all other businesses in the village, such as Piggly Wiggly and True Value Hardware.

But of course they do not have the village board in their back pockets. One thing I know for sure, I am not voting for Taso or any board member who voted for this. I will make it my dying cause to make sure to campaign for any one who opposes them. At least I can make the village better by getting rid of them. Thanks Taso for ruining my town.

*Peggy M.
Antioch*

Wrong choice made

Whether one is for or against Wal-Mart coming into Antioch and being sited at Deep Lake Road and Route 173, I believe the decision made on the Dec. 16 to allow Wal-Mart to build a Super Store on this site was wrong. Wrong because we should first take the opportunity to revise the Comprehensive Plan for Antioch and determine how we wish the inevitable growth in this area to be controlled to best serve the interests of our community.

Allowing Wal-Mart to build on the proposed site preempts the outcome of the planned revision to the Comprehensive Plan for it will inevitably attract other big box stores to the area. Why could the decision not have been at least delayed until some meaningful thought had been given to the size we are prepared to accept for such stores and where we should site such projects.

The thousand people that our mayor polled is a large number and must have taken him some considerable time. I find it surprising that he made this

statement for if he has been listening to those that have spoken at the various hearings, on both sides of the issue, attendees have at least been evenly split. Unfortunately this just adds to the perception that a "party line" is established before any meeting and contrary views are simply ignored. In other words "we hear what we want to hear".

Taso Maravelas' election platform was based on Controlled and Responsible growth for Antioch yet under this administration we have allowed developers (Neuman Homes for one) to drive changes to the Comprehensive Plan to suit their needs. The Plan perhaps needed modification but not this way! I fear that this administration is going to go down in the history of Antioch as the one that missed an opportunity to do it right!

*Geoff Vosper
Antioch*

Question leadership

I find Mayor Maravelas' comment on the front page of your December 20-26, 2002, issue disturbing. He states that he "didn't find one person who didn't want a Wal-Mart."

Before the final vote was to take place on Dec. 16, I sent an e-mail to the mayor and the trustees of Antioch indicating that I was opposed to a Wal-Mart in Antioch and encouraging them to preserve the small-town atmosphere of Antioch.

Based on various articles and letters I've seen in the area newspapers, it leads me to believe that there has been much displeasure voiced on this issue.

I consider our mayor's quote on your front page to be an absolute untruth. In addition, the only possible way his statement could be true is because he has simply avoided talking to the people who are opposed to the development. Is that what we're looking for in leadership?

*Karen Okolita
Antioch*

Find the truth

I can't say whether the planned Super Wal-Mart in Antioch is a gorilla or godsend, but I've got to wonder who or what is representing the village in the form of Mayor?

That mayor was present at the first public

meeting held at Hillcrest School on the Wal-Mart proposal. At that meeting, A.R.R.G. (Antioch Residents for Responsible Growth, which was formed solely to fight the Wal-Mart proposal) put on a thoughtful and well planned presentation on the negative aspects of the project.

A presentation that was interrupted frequently with applause and cheers by the majority of over 300+ people in attendance. So to say with a straight face and I quote "I didn't find one person who didn't want a Wal-Mart" can only be one thing and that's a lie. The only way that he could possibly believe that statement to be true is that he indeed didn't find them, rather they found him.

*Tom Wedell
Antioch*

Shameful decision

The mayor and village administrator of Antioch are so afraid that what I have to say is valid they couldn't allow three extra minutes to listen to comments that could change the decision that will impact this community for decades.

If village trustees heard logical, intelligent comments, it could change their vote. Because the administration and staff had orchestrated the evening, they were scared to allow the voice of the people

Wal-Mart is welcome in Antioch if it is the right size and right location, but the majority of the trustee's have never listened. Even the informed Wal-Mart Welcomers are agreeing with this philosophy. It has always been, reject GLP (because their Wal-Mart is the wrong size). Set the corridor plan, then build. Controlled, sensible growth.

My faith in mankind is shattered. I wanted to believe residents were wrong and this was not a Done Deal, that negotiations were not made behind closed doors, and that this board would see that this community dared to be not just about money. I was wrong.

The true personalities and opinions have been revealed. Whether you are a resident pro or anti the GLP developer, everyone attending the Dec. 16 village board meeting now realizes what this mayor is all about. Shame on the trustees who are not of the people; nor are they independent individuals. The conduct and disrespect to one another was an embarrassment to our town. All of the residents want and need trustees and a mayor who follow the process and get it right.

The last mayoral election was very close and it divided the community. This administration has created a greater wedge. Unfortunately this board won't set the corridor plan first and get it right.

Antioch is doomed with over-sized negative growth.

*Sandi Siegmeyer
Antioch*

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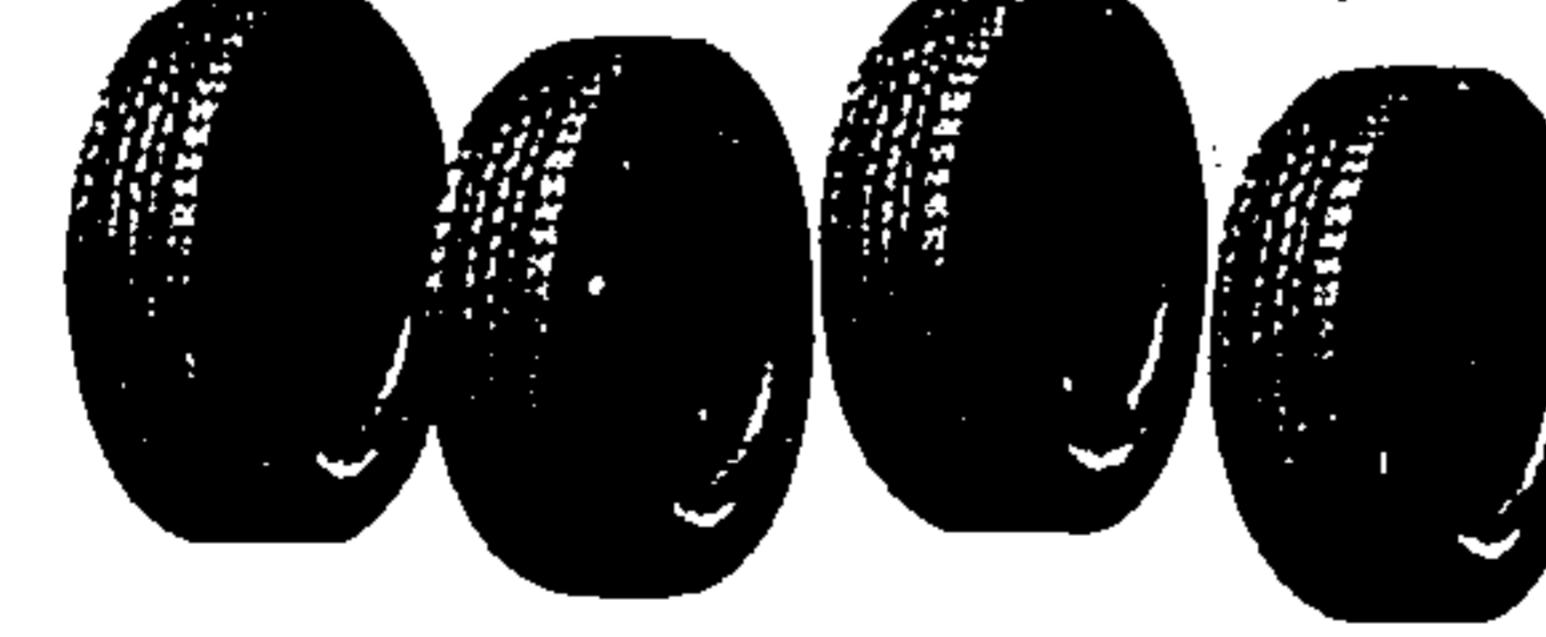
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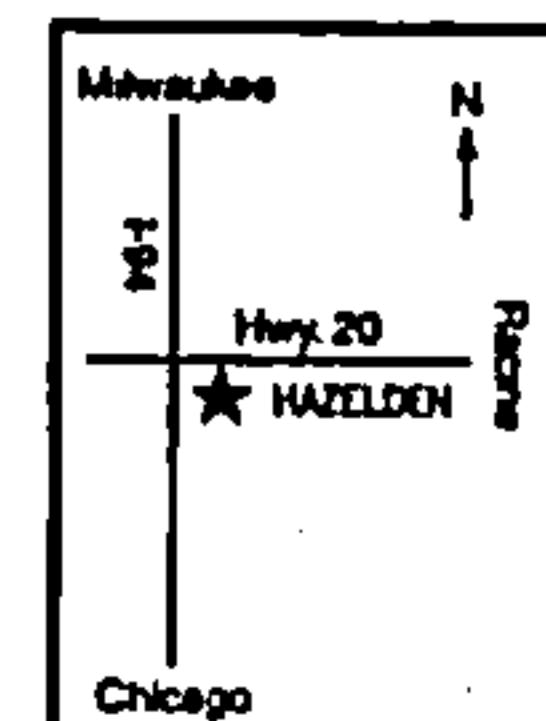
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John Phelps

Thanks, you guys

To all of the youth, prep and collegiate athletes from around Lake County—a big thank you is in order! We as sportswriters get the utmost satisfaction out of seeing you perform at your highest level, win or lose. The top-10 stories you see to your immediate right only scratch the surface of the numerous outstanding accomplishments that were achieved throughout this past year. We hope we have everyone represented, or at least some kind of mention. Here's a peak at some of the other top headliners for the year 2002.

- Antioch girl's field hockey earns trip to State quarterfinals
- Round Lake cheerleaders qualify for State competition
- Grayslake sophomore cheerleaders qualify for State competition
- Vernon Hills gains corporate sponsor (Rust-Oleum) for new football stadium
- Round Lake's Jimbo Nicoline pours in 40 points against Bartlett
- Lake Villa Lightning 12-year-old baseball competes in USSSA World Series after finishing ninth out of 280 in Illinois
- Carmel football beats state power Mt. Carmel 24-21
- Grant wrestler Matt Fiordirosa takes second at Class AA State meet
- Wauconda golfer Josh Esler finishes fourth in IHSA State tournament
- Antioch lightweight youth football coach Denny Porter wins 500th game
- Grant boys hoops beats Mundelein for first time since 1971
- Grayslake boys golf earns first team trip to sectionals in 20 years
- GTAAA celebrates 50th year
- Round Lake renovates training room, thanks to Condell
- Libertyville wrestling earn State team berth
- Jason Newburger, Vernon Hills boys' hoops wins first-ever regional game after miraculous comeback
- Libertyville football player Kevin Fontana sets single game school rushing mark
- Carmel's Christine Martinson hits for 1,000 career points
- Zion's Andre White becomes schools all-time scoring leader
- Mundelein football earns first-ever playoff berth
- Wauconda boys soccer earns trip to Class A supersectionals
- Avon Township Mets win league title; finish 23-0
- Round Lake Spartan peewee's make it to JFLNI title game for first time in 25 years
- Vernon Hills girls gymnastics qualifies for State meet in Palatine
- Warren girls gymnasts finish second in state
- Grant girls hoops off to best start (8-0) in school history
- Longtime Libertyville baseball coach Jim Panther retires
- Antioch's Andy Napier qualifies for State cross-country meet
- Stevenson football finishes second in Class 8A State playoffs
- Mundelein varsity girls volleyball wins school-record 32 games in a season
- Mundelein boys cross-country finishes sixth in NSC meet
- Carmel girls tennis goes 17-2 in dual meets
- Wauconda Jr. Bulldogs compete in Cooperstown, wins third straight league title, Illinois State title and is ranked as high as 12th nationally
- Wauconda Jr. Bulldogs' Jeff Jackson wins Golden Arm Award in Cooperstown
- Prince of Peace sixth-grade boys hoops finishes 19-3
- Lake Forest College's Don Lackey of Antioch sets numerous passing records
- Westlake Christian varsity boys soccer finishes third in State finals
- Gurnee's Gregory Kemp wins \$100,000 for losing 34 pounds in EAS Body-for-Life Challenge
- Warren freshman Dennis Polyakov wins 14-year-old National Boys Tennis Open
- Woodland Jr. High seventh-grader Dennis Nevolo, ranked No. 2 nationally, wins 18- and under singles title at Barrington
- Fox Lake's Lee Munster, 10, wins the 90-pound title at the Cliff Keen National Kick-off Classic
- Antioch boys soccer upsets Carmel, Libertyville in regionals
- Lake Villa Timberwolves Lightweight football team takes second in league title game; finishes 8-2

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2002 LAKELAND MEDIA'S SPORTS YEAR IN REVIEW

'One title, one shot, one cheer'

This past year once again saw many standout performances, both on the individual and team level. The following is a look at the top-10 stories that took place over the past 365 days. For those not included in the top-10, please refer to 'Last Call' for the Best of the Rest.

Top story



Warren fans go crazy

1. The shot

The place is still buzzing. It can only mean one thing—the 'Dawg Pound' at the historic Waukegan East Gym, where magic has been commonplace for 35 out of the last 40 years. Last March was no different. Trailing 51-50, senior guard Ashton Hughes' running three-pointer from about 35 feet at the buzzer gave the Devils a thrilling 53-51 victory in front of a partisan crowd packed to the rafters. This all after Warren had erased a double-digit lead by the Bees. And ironically, Hughes had hit a buzzer-beater four days earlier to beat Stevenson in the regional finals.

2. Carmel football becoming powerhouse

Speaking of magic, fans just had that feeling something big was going to happen whenever the Head Coach Andy Bitto and the Carmel Corsair varsity football team took the field. They didn't disappoint. After making it to the semifinals of the Class 6A State playoffs a year ago, Carmel made a little more history this fall. Bitto and the boys won a school record (for a season) 13 games while adding to an existing school mark of 17 straight home wins, dating back to last year. Carmel also went undefeated (9-0) in conference for the first time ever to close the door on the school's first-ever conference crown. In the playoffs, Carmel put a 55-22 hurtin' on Dunbar of the Chicago Public League in the prestigious 69th Prep Bowl. The 55 points scored were set a new Prep Bowl record.

3. Grayslake girls hoops win first regional

If they weren't on it before, the Lady Rams of Grayslake High are now on the map. Under the direction of Mike Muldrow, Grayslake put the finishing touches on a record-setting 23-win campaign by claiming the school's first-ever regional title. Who did they beat? You guessed it! Mighty Stevenson, a team many others have struggled with for what seems like decades. The Rams solved the powerful Pats with sharp perimeter shooting and a stifling defense. The record-setting season came on the heels of a solid second-place finish in the always tough Fox Valley Conference, which was won by Lake Zurich, the state's eventual fourth-place finisher.

4. Shelton carries Olympic torch

On a cold morning in

early January, longtime Gurnee resident Ron Shelton made brief run through the streets of Racine, Wis. while holding the Olympic Torch.

The selection process, which occurred some months before the run, saw Shelton receive over 2,000 nominations from various Warren staff and students; and his selection to carry the torch was made because of Shelton's "service, dedication and commitment to the kids."

The run, which lasted two-tenths of a mile, was Shelton's reward for 30 years of service in various staff positions at Warren Township High School and was something Shelton will never forget.

"It is the greatest honor that anyone can experience," Shelton said.

5. Antioch 9- and-10's win State

A state championship, an 11-1 record, and three wins by way of the 10-run rule in the state finals helped solidify the Antioch 9- and 10-year-old girls softball team as the most successful of all time.

Antioch, which earned the right to play in the state finals by winning both the regional and sectional, defeated Beardstown 10-2 in the championship game of the finals held in Freeport.

After defeating Chicago Ridge 20-10 in the finals opener, Antioch went on to beat LaSalle 10-0 in the second game. They then played Beardstown in regular play, beating them 12-10, before beating them again in the championship.

Antioch ace Allie Anttila pitched a shutout in game 2 of the finals to assure Antioch a place in the championship game.

Anttila, Tai Jaranson, Jen Ignoffo, Alisa Walizer, Melissa Lewis, Kali Browning, Bailan Reynolds and Kaley Lindstrom were among the offensive leaders for the champs. Bill Seamon was the team's manager.

6. Hainesville's Hughes simply 'Golden'

Despite suffering from brain damage since birth, Hainesville resident Alex Hughes, 15, won two gold medals this past year, in bowling and golf.

Hughes' bowling gold medal came in January at the Illinois Special Olympics in Peoria, after he bowled a 433 (161-140-132) in his particular age group.

At the Special Olympics State Golf Tournament, held at Hickory Point Golf Course in downstate Decatur in September, Hughes shot a 73 and a 76 on the 9-hole course, good enough for a six-stroke win and another gold medal.

"I was very thrilled with the win," said Hughes, a senior at Grayslake Community High School. Hughes competes for the Special Recreation Association of Central Lake County, based out of Vernon Hills.

7. Mundelein baseball fourth in state

After winning its first sectional title since 1978 with a win over McHenry, Mundelein baseball followed that up with an improbable run in the IHSA State Playoffs that saw the Mustangs finish 4th, concluding the best sea-



Mundelein baseball celebrates

Kovac.

"Give all the credit to the kids. It is about hard work and talent. We have won 120 games in five years here; that averages 30 wins a season," said Coach Todd Parola. "You have your highlights as a player and a coach. This has got to be one of the high points."

8. More milestones for 'Mr. Baseball'

With a 7-0 win over Chesapeake (Md.) on CLC baseball's annual Florida trip at the end of March, Lancer coach Gene Hanson picked up his 900th career coaching victory.

Hanson, whose coaching career spans three decades, has already been enshrined in several Halls of Fame as his teams have won several conference, regional and state championships over the years.

His on-the-field accomplishments also include a literal one, as CLC's home field bears his name. Last week, he was named the Community College Coach of the Year by the Chicago Pitch and Hit Club. Hanson's current record stands at 929-365.



Gene Hanson

9. Lawn qualifies for Ironman Nationals

After finishing third out of over 90 competitors in his age group (age 50-54) at a qualifying race in Madison, Wis., Lake Villa resident Tom Lawn qualified for the 2003 Ironman Triathlon.

The Ironman Triathlon consists of three parts: a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike race and a 26.2-mile run (the equivalent of a marathon).

Lawn completed the swim in one hour, 12 minutes, his bike ride took five-and-a-half hours and his marathon took four hours, 25 minutes.

"This is the ultimate triathlon," said Lawn. "It's an accomplishment just to complete one."

Lawn will be training hard over the next 10 months in preparation for the Ironman Competition in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii on Oct. 10, 2003.



Tom Lawn

10. Mustang cheers heading to Nationals

Some competed at State last winter while some have qualified for the State competition next February. But one school, Mundelein, has qualified for an even higher level—the nationals. The Mustangs earned the National berth after finishing first in the Small Co-ed Division at the Universal Cheerleaders Association Upper Midwest Championships. It marks the first time in school history that MHS has sent a cheer squad to an event of this magnitude. Co-captains include Jessica Giangorgi and Ashley Bowes. Sara Flanigan, who is in her second year, coaches the squad. Elizabeth Goodman is the team manager.

The Nationals will take place in Orlando, Fla. in Feb. 2003.



Warren's Ron Shelton

John G. Phelps, Steve Peterson, and Rob Backus contributed to this report. File photos.

North Suburban honors All-academic Fall athletes

The North Suburban Conference announced that the following athletes have been selected to the All-academic list for the fall sports season.

Antioch

Girls tennis

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Boys' Cross Country

Mike Addison, Jim Beatty, David Dee, John Ferris, Andy napier, Jim O'Connell

Girls' Cross Country

Amanda Hoezter, Samantha Miller, Erin Schwaba, Lauren Thurlwell

Boys' Soccer

Matt Gray, Rob Janke, Stefan Janusz, William Rutter, Curtis Theel, Sean Trulzsch

Field Hockey

Lindsey Andrews, Molly Bonner, C.C. Kent, Katie Lincoln, Megan Lowry, Kara Mastrodonato, Becky McBrady, Amber Misic, Danielle O'Young, Cassie Turzy

Girls' Golf

Katie MacNeish, Sarah Stampf

Boys' Golf

Brian Clutter, Andrew Curto, Gregory Lynn

Football

Kevin Curtis, Jordan Hauser, Brad Hoogerhyde, Ryan Jordan, Mike Menzer, Ryan Naes, Ben Newton, Taylor Pechauer, Rob Ryan, Russ Zaborski

Cheerleading

Tug Leibolt, Krystle Nowakowski, Jenessa Salas, Christine Shea, Brittany Wiegel

Dance

Megan Beemer, Jenne Diemer, Cristina Ginascol, Lauren Popp, Amanda Rzysko

Girls' Volleyball

Jennifer Dewar, Marie Heffernan, Tara Heitman, Katie Korecek, Katherine Reynolds, Jackie Schmit, Catherine Vanlerberghe

Grant

Doug Grom, Danny Pearson, Craig Hartmann, Jeff Grom, Ben McDonough

Girls' tennis

Danielle Sass, Shaina Flinchum, Rodeliz David

Cheerleading

Veronica Hoehne, Jenny Lichten, Allison Hanson, Ashley Sheil, Amanda Peczkowski

Pom-Poms

Anaiz Barrios

Football

Nate Rodriguez, Bryan Sterbenz, Matthew Fiordirosa, Scott Shrake

Cross Country

Matthew Janowicz, Amy Lejeune, Jordan Sage, Brad Burger

Girls' Volleyball

Jenni Wick, Claire Glass, Lisa Bernard, Erica Wehde, Samantha Geist

Lake Forest

Boys' Cross Country

Jesse Feinberg, Ryan Pertz, Andy Stevenson

Tennis

Emily Brown, Kendall Murphy, Alexis Prousis

Boys' Golf

Ryan Birkhauser, Alexander Himes, Todd Laesch, Bob Rohr, Henry Rowland, Michael Tung, Joshua Vallierer, Rod Zamparo

Pom Poms

Vanessa Allebach, Emily Bendikas, Jessica Oddi, Lindsay Reed, Shana Reed, Kacey Warner

Cheerleading

Abra Dow, Caroline Kaufman, Liz Korczynska, Robin Wambold

Girls' Golf

Natasha Anand, Casey Burden, Blair Burke, Caitlin Fennell

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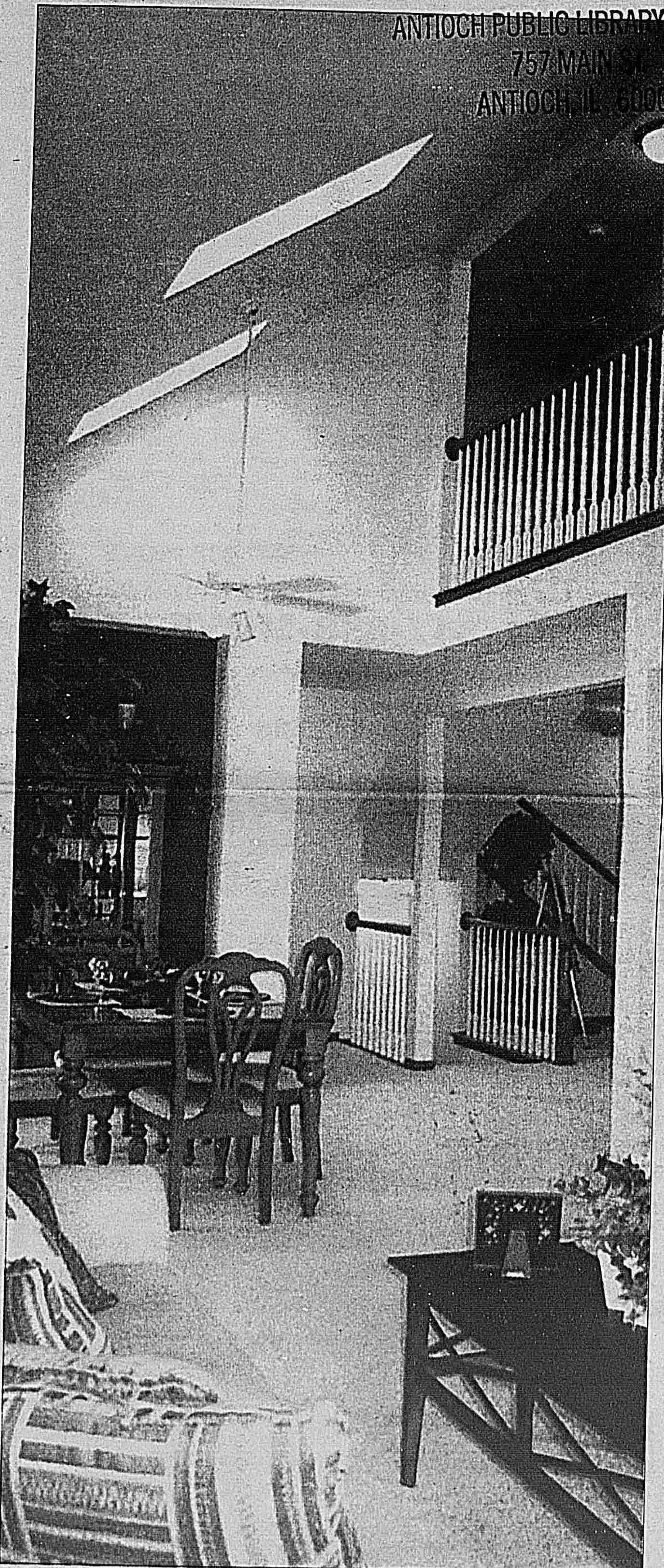
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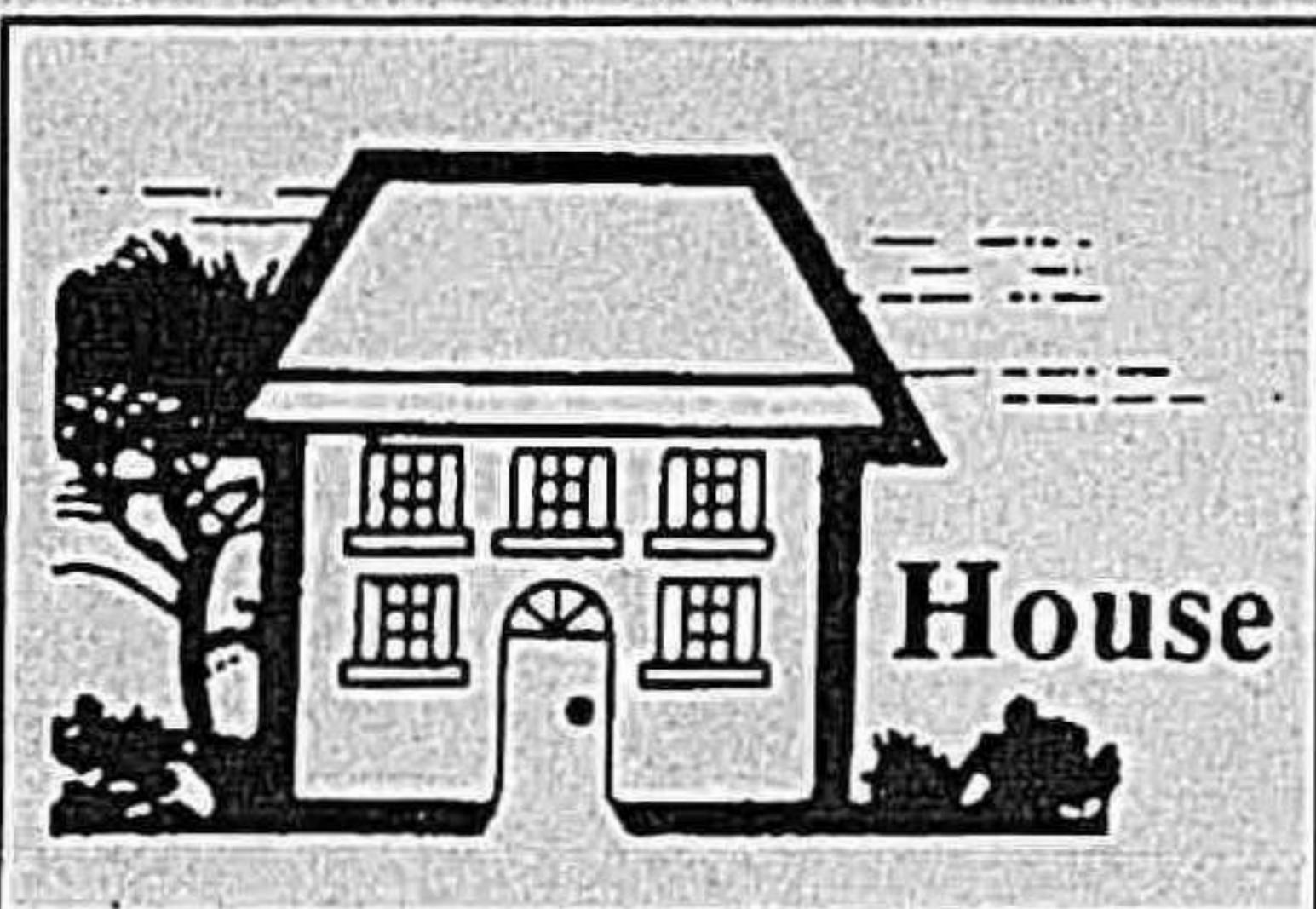
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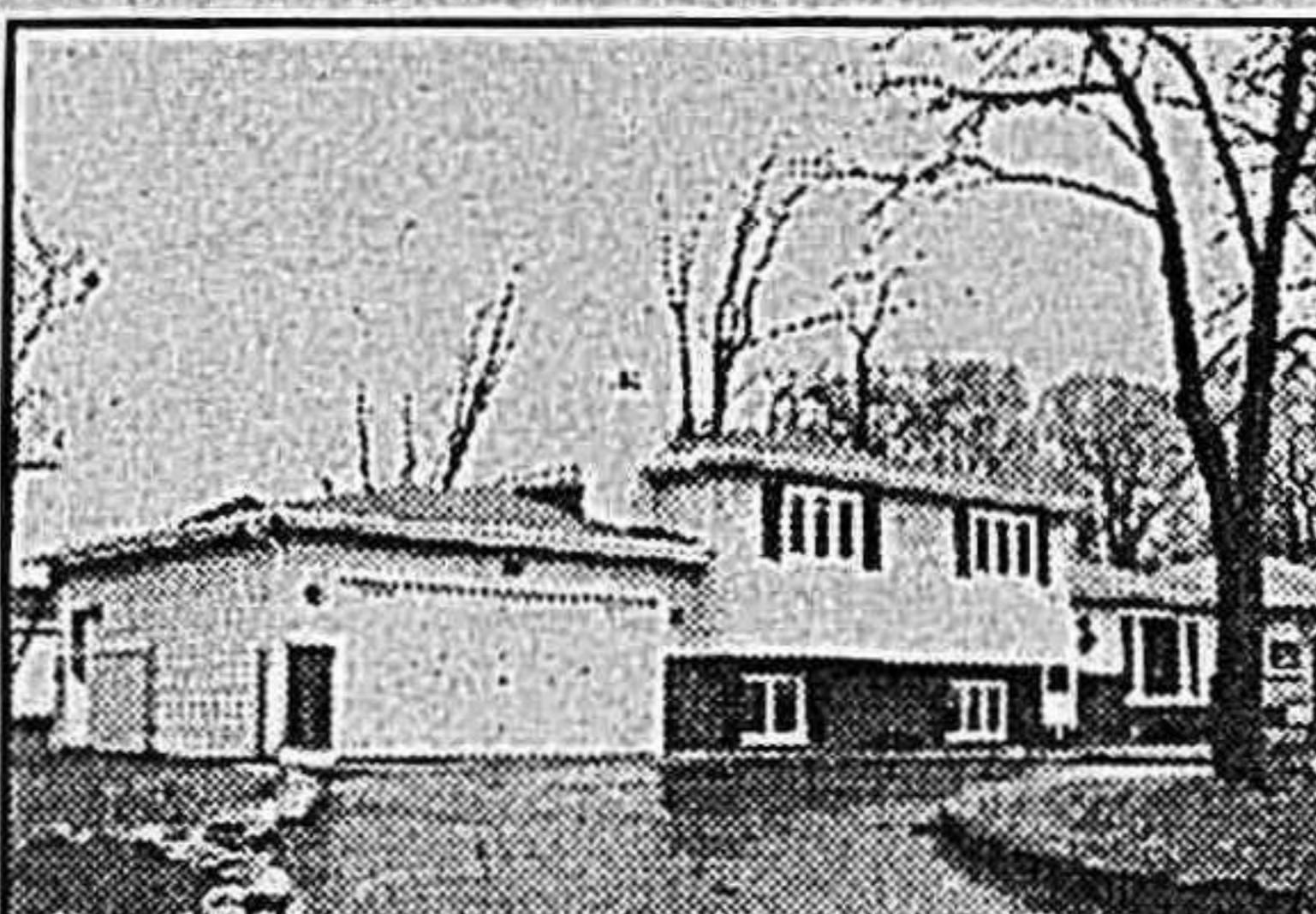
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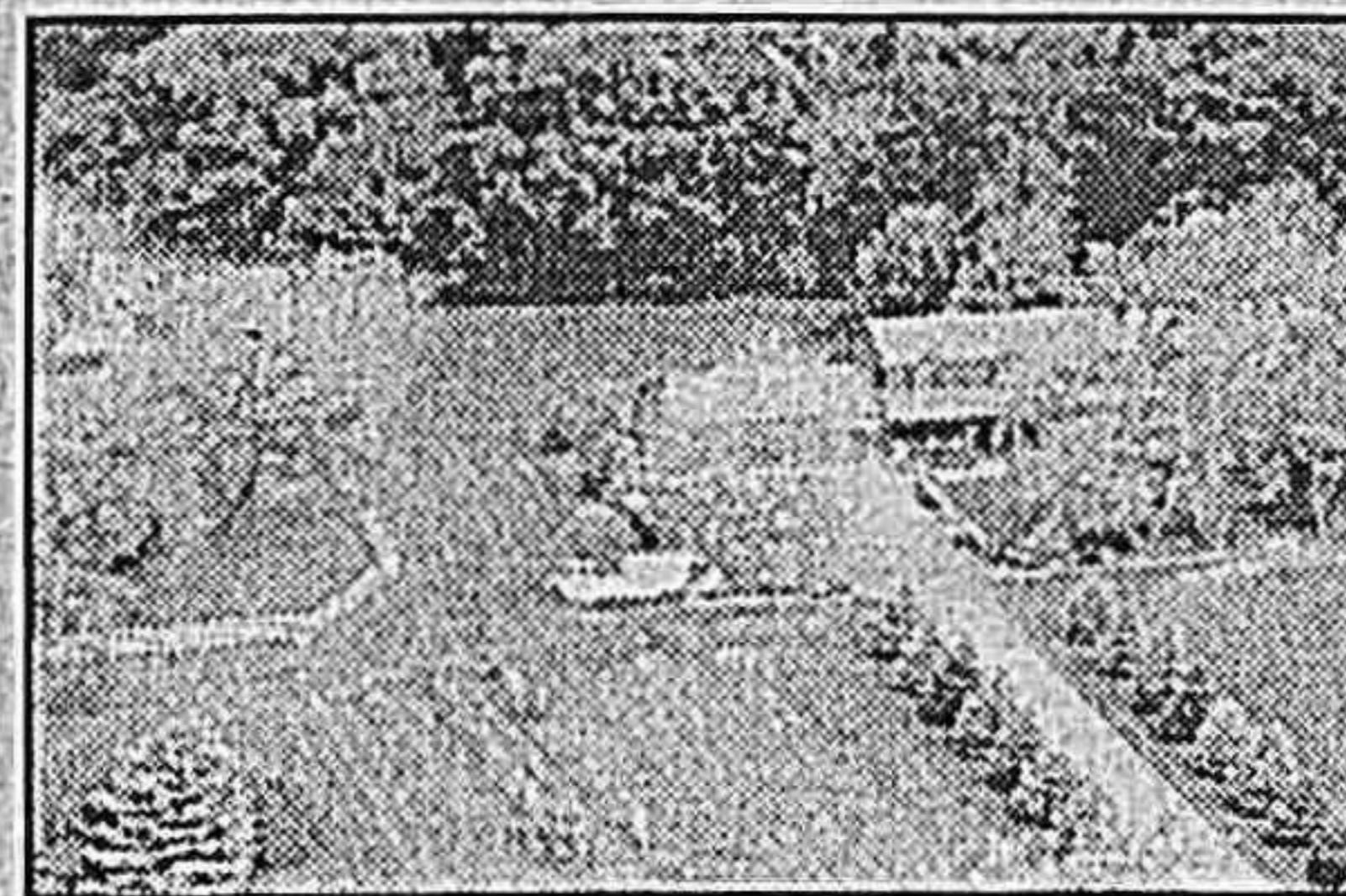


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Valley Lakes boasts a beautiful, natural setting highlighted by Arrow Lake, a protected heron rookery and more than 450 acres of nature preserves. A nature lover's paradise, the community features outstanding collection of prairie ecology, wildflowers, wildlife and heavily wooded areas. There are also four family parks, several lakes and wetland preserves, as well as bike paths and walking trails throughout the community.

"My husband works in Lake Bluff, which is a quick commute when using 120, and we are near Vernon Hills and Gurnee as well. And, while we have every imaginable convenience within minutes, Valley Lakes has a country charm and provides a family-friendly setting raise children. We are surrounded by young families like ourselves and our 18-month son, Jacob, has an endless string of playmates."

Part of the 865-acre master-planned Valley Lakes community, Ancient Oaks is an William



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Ancient Oaks residents a little bit of everything, including 35 parks, an aquatic center and a health club. The surrounding Chain-O-Lakes region offers nine major lakes suitable for a wide variety of recreational activities, as well as opportunities for horseback riding, hiking and golf.

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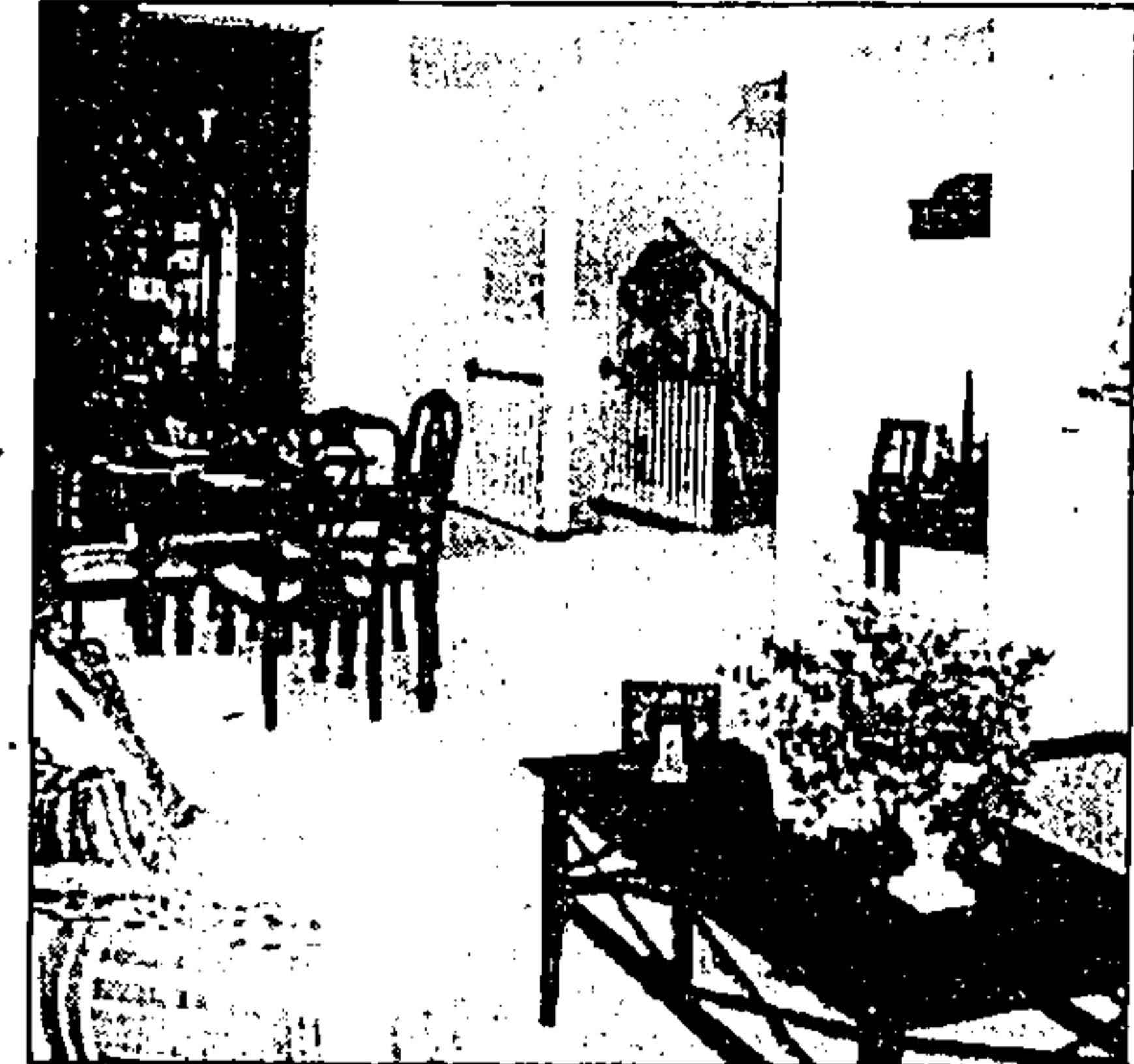
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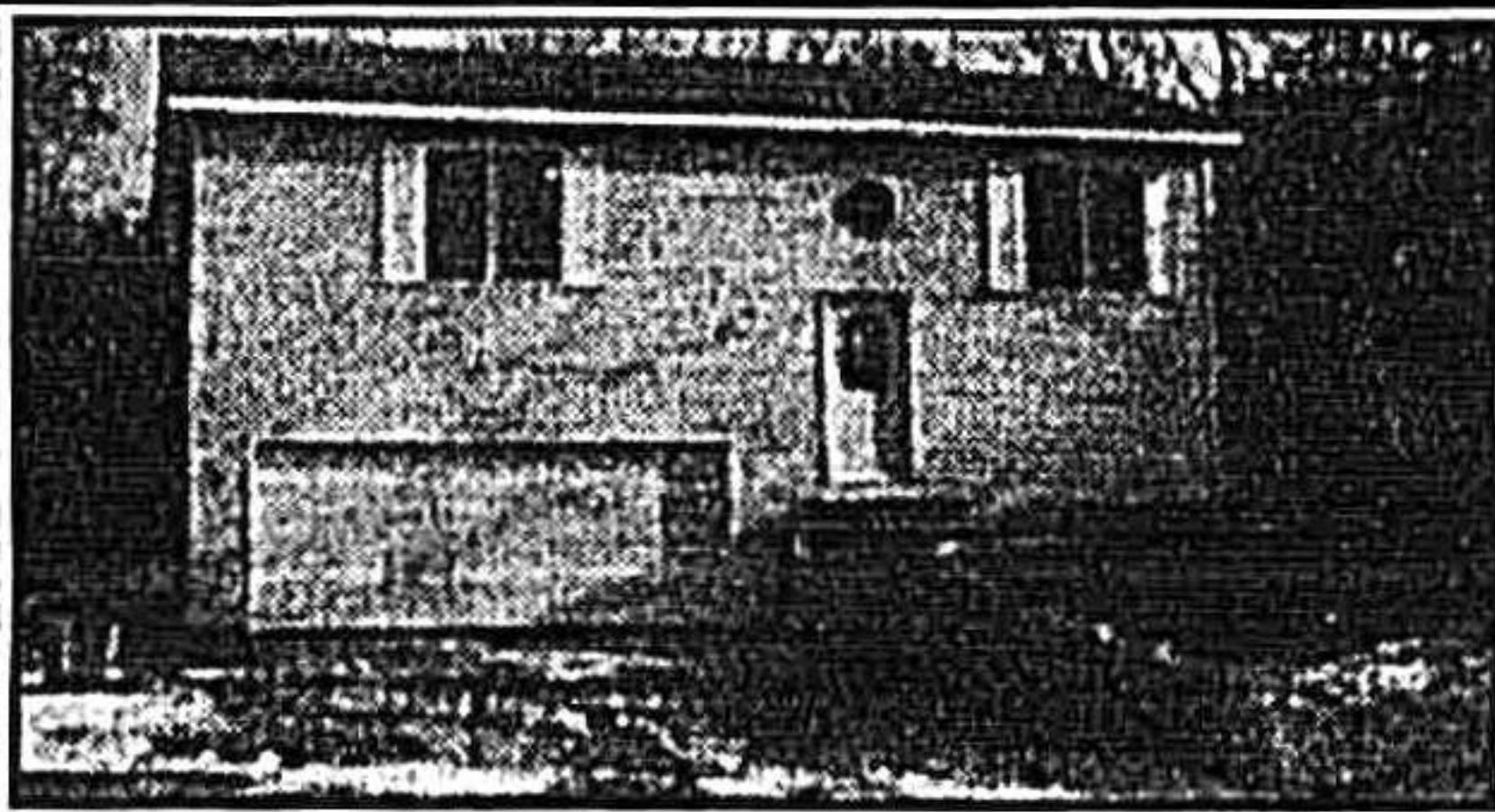


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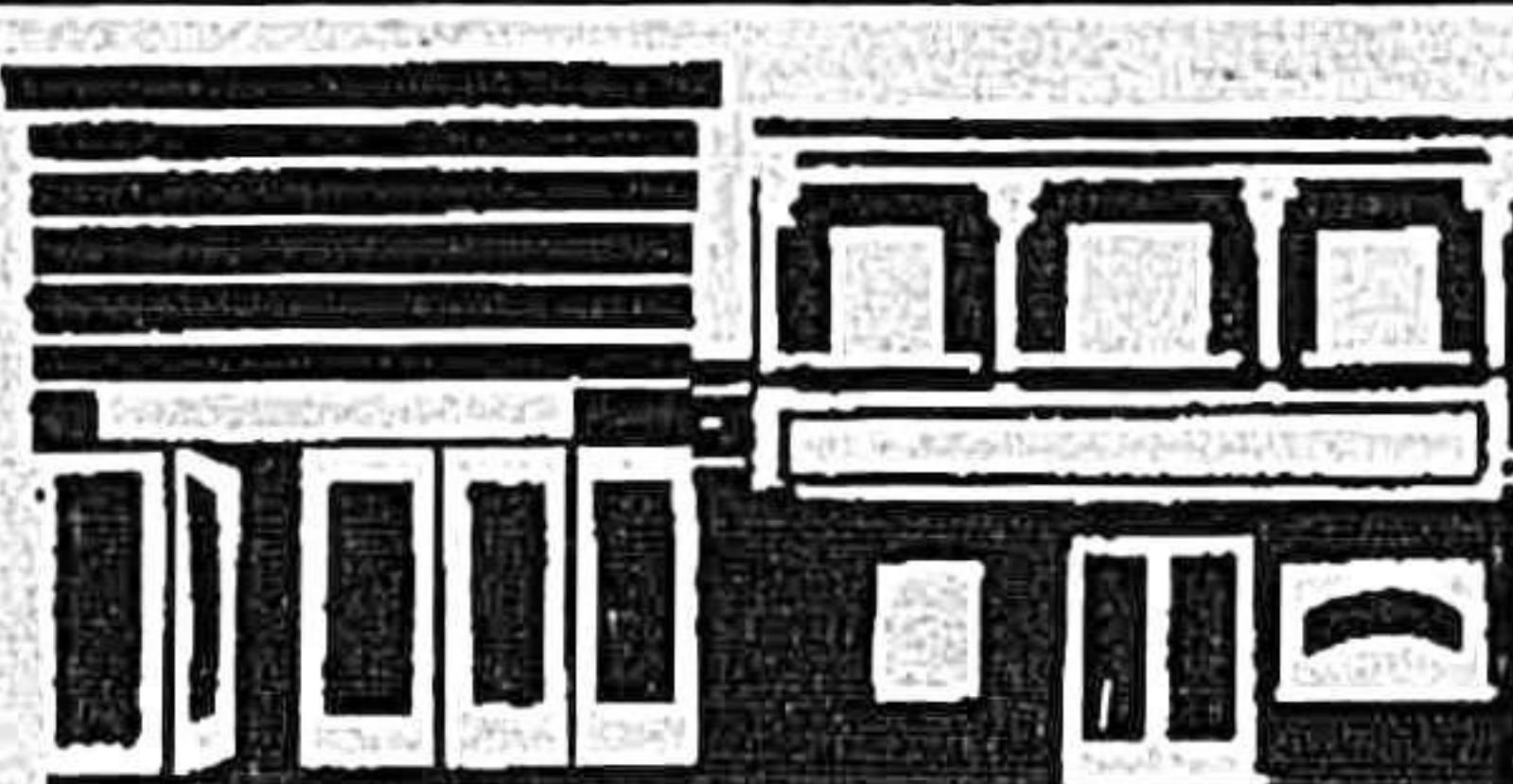
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Dining with style

Creating a dining area your guests will never want to leave

Your dining area may be a gathering place for eating casual meals and doing homework, or it may provide an elegant setting for formal dining. No matter what the function, it's easy to update the look of the room with this season's versatile and interchangeable dining pieces.

"Kitchens are becoming a multi-functional gathering place while dining rooms are becoming less formal," says Greg Mononen, product developer for Arhaus Furniture, a 19-store lifestyle furniture retailer. Home furnishing trends are leaning towards all-purpose style, quality and function. "Watch for dining furniture that can easily transition into either a formal or casual setting," he suggests.

Personalize Your Dining Space

A new approach to dining furniture is to buy pieces that coordinate but do not necessarily match. "Today's homeowners are putting together eclectic furniture groups that don't resemble 'sets.' They want their dining areas to look like they've evolved over time, similar to a collection of antiques," says Mononen. "This approach gives the home a more personalized feeling."

He recommends using design details to tie a look together when mixing different pieces. For example, the leg detail on a table or chair can determine if it will coordinate with other furniture. Shapely wrought iron curves, hand-carved pedestals or straight Spartan legs will give the furniture a collective look without being exactly the same. Scale can also make a difference in creating a balanced look. For example, larger chairs should go with a larger table.

Another approach to merging different pieces is to mix finishes and colors. Traditionally, designers have shied away from combining dark and light finishes. However, today's styles encourage the mixing of contrasting finishes using similar tones and unique textures. Try using a copper-top sideboard to compliment the warm tones of a distressed pine table.

Natural Materials and Finishes

This season, watch for dining furniture, such as stone, marble, porcelain and copper (yes, these materials make wonderful, resilient table tops). Durable woods, like cherry, maple, pine and poplar are also making an appearance. Dining chairs can be found in rattan or upholstered in leather, rich tapestries or cotton slipcovers. These hearty materials not only add elegance and style to a room setting, but they can also withstand the wear and tear of everyday use.

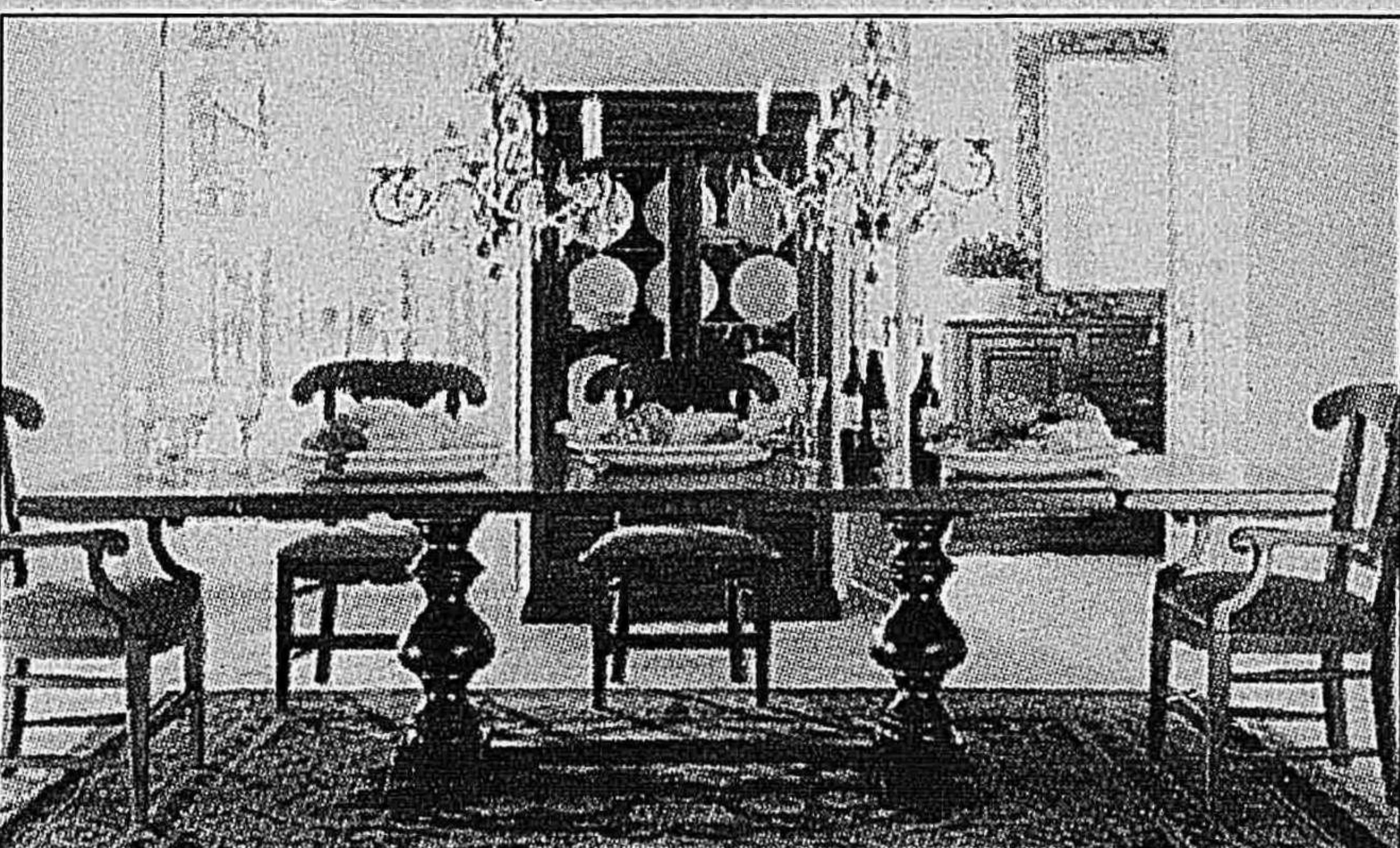
The Arhaus Italian Mosaic dining table combines several of these natural materials. Its top is made of stone and marble mosaic tiles that sit on a hand-forged, wrought iron base. Mononen suggests pairing this handsome one-of-a-kind table with the Colette Leather dining chairs. "Leather is big in dining right now because it is so durable and easy to maintain,"

he explains.

Distressed finishes can help bring out the depth and personality of natural materials. An example is a French Cherry dining collection featuring a rich, deep finish that is the result of a labor-intensive, 15-step antiquing process.

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This dining collection was inspired by a collection of different tables found throughout Italy. Constructed of solid tulip poplar, the table features a dark, rich, hand-distressed finish.



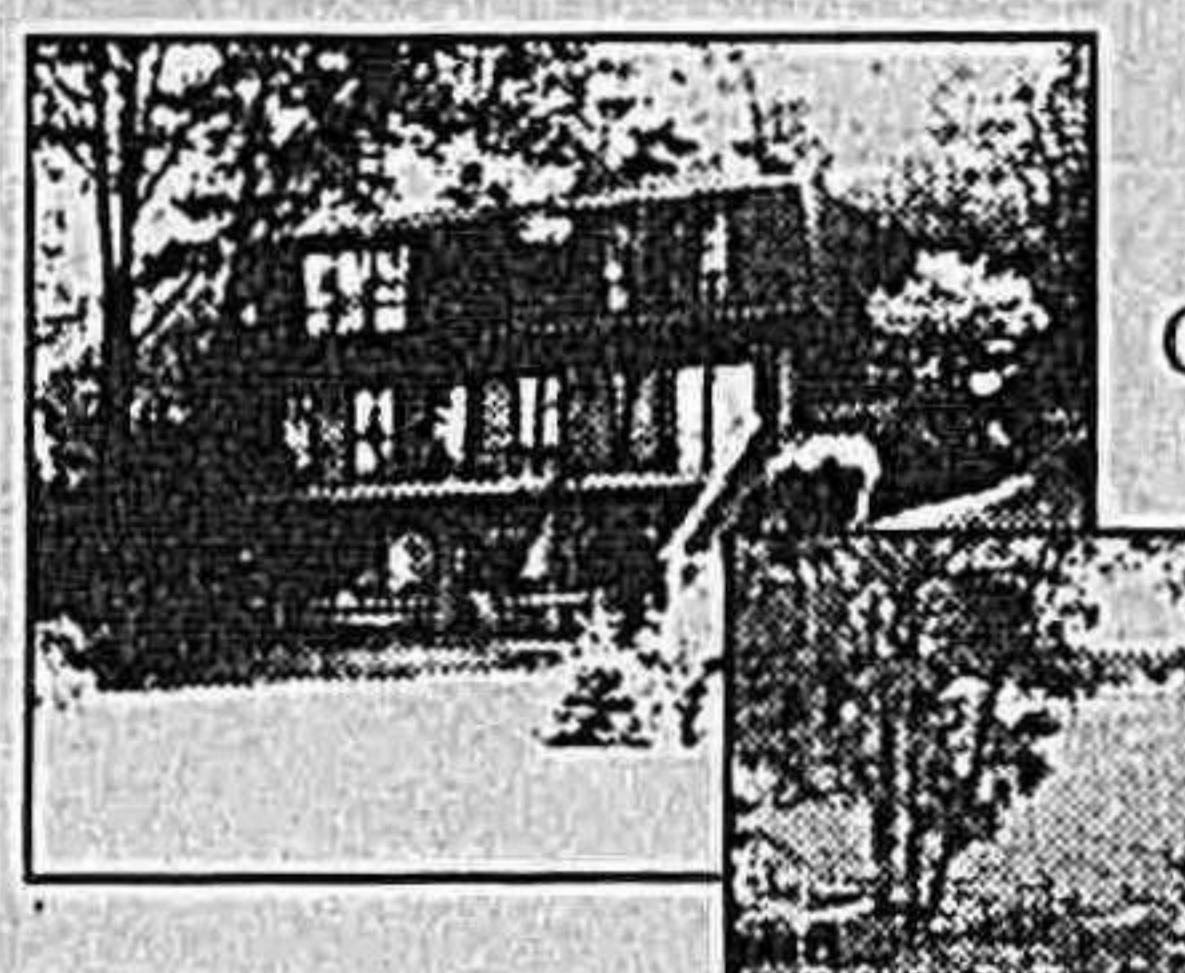
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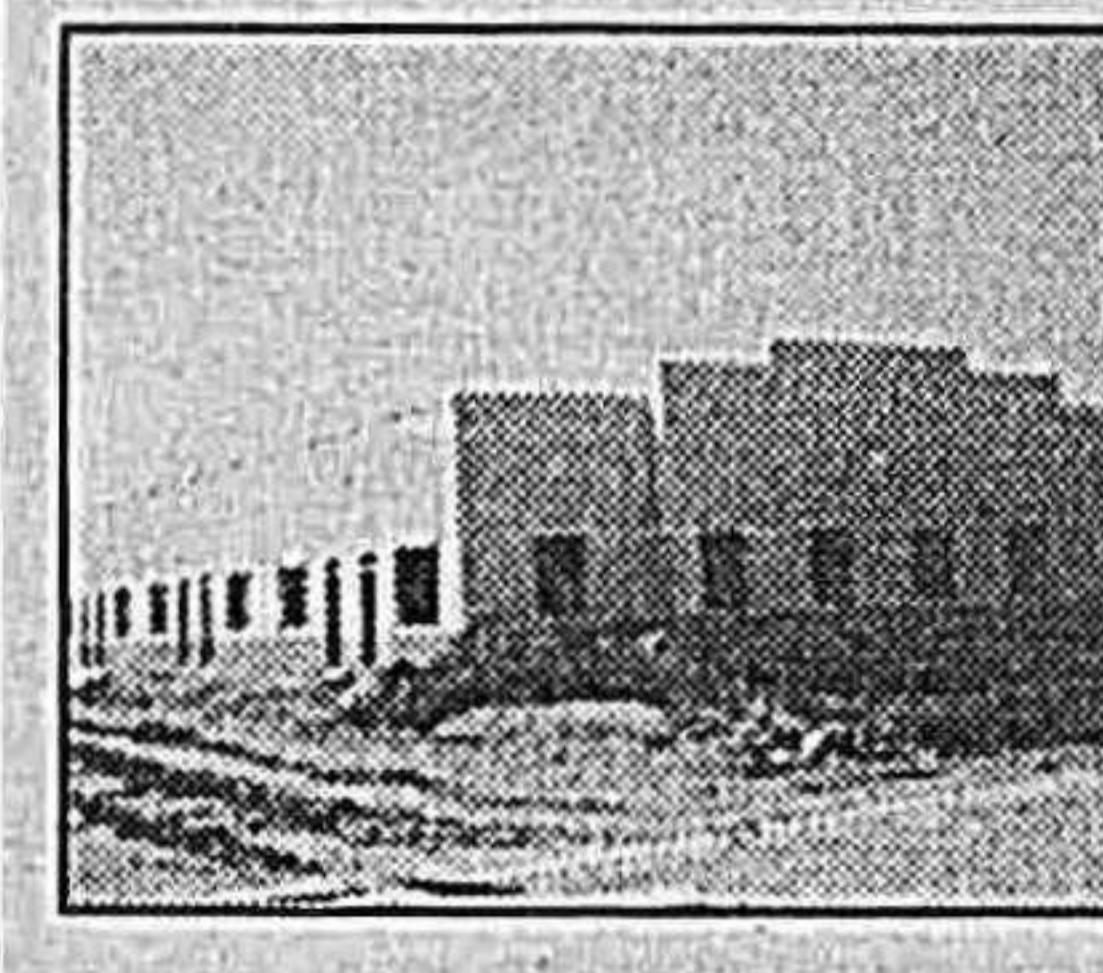
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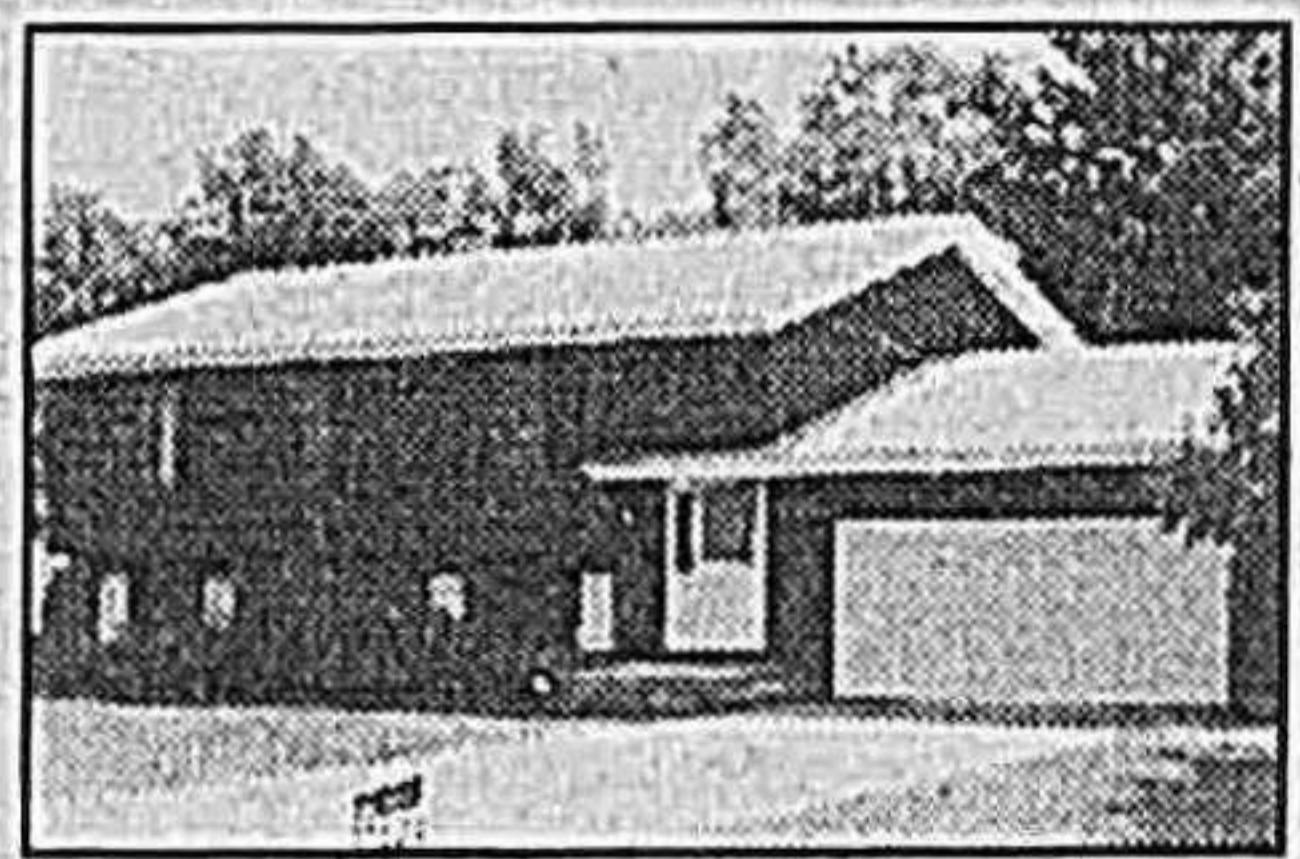
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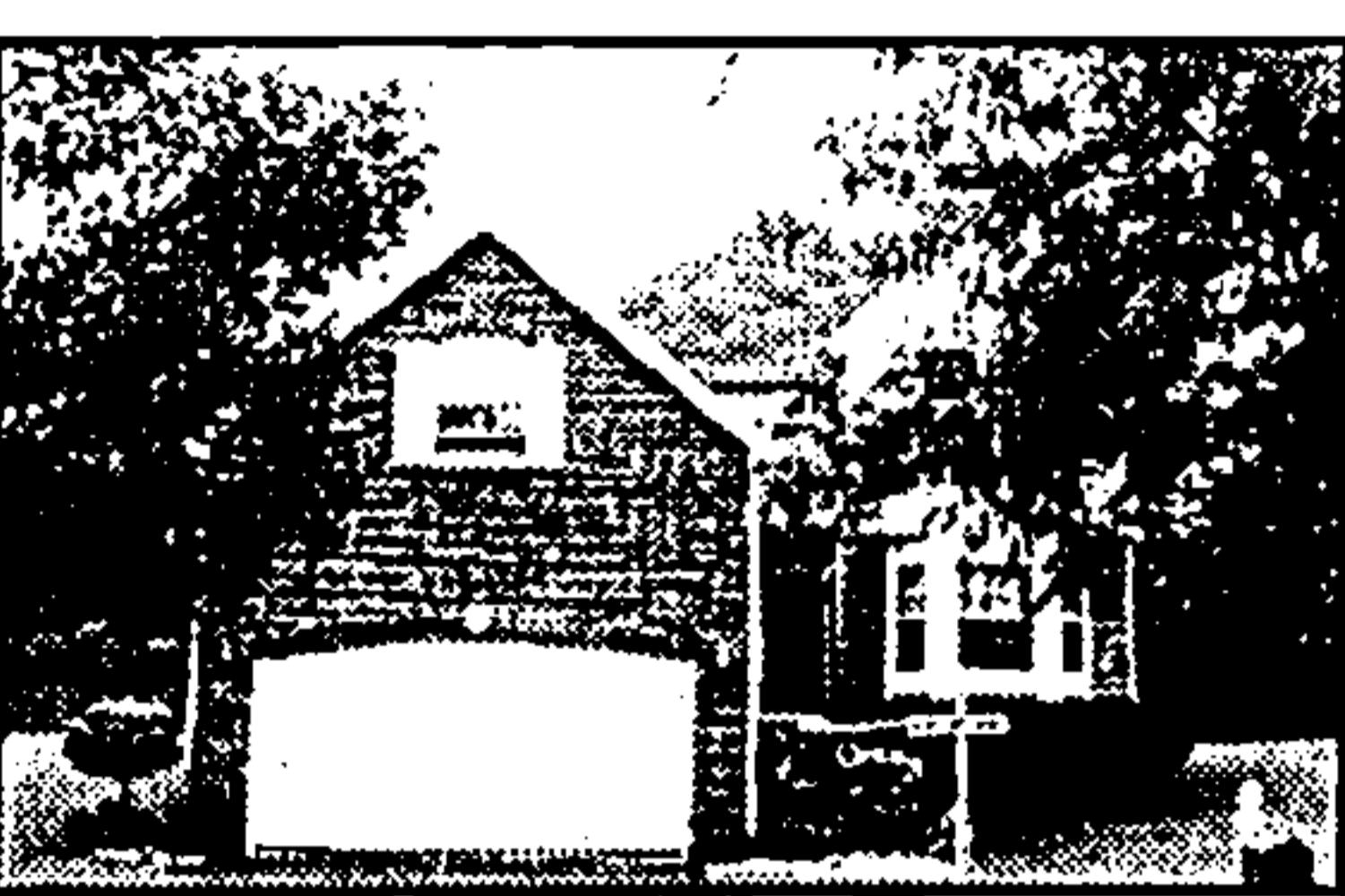
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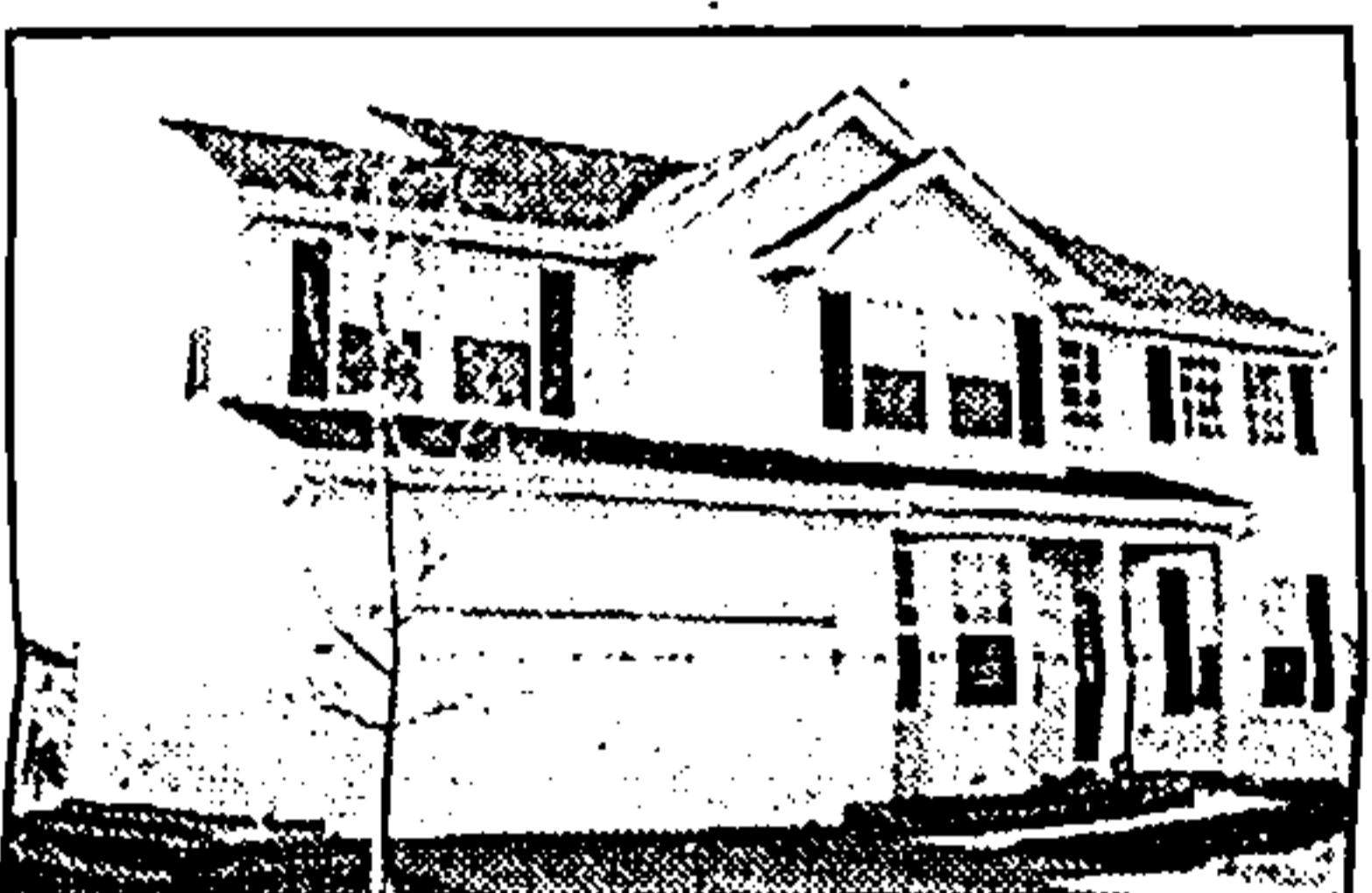
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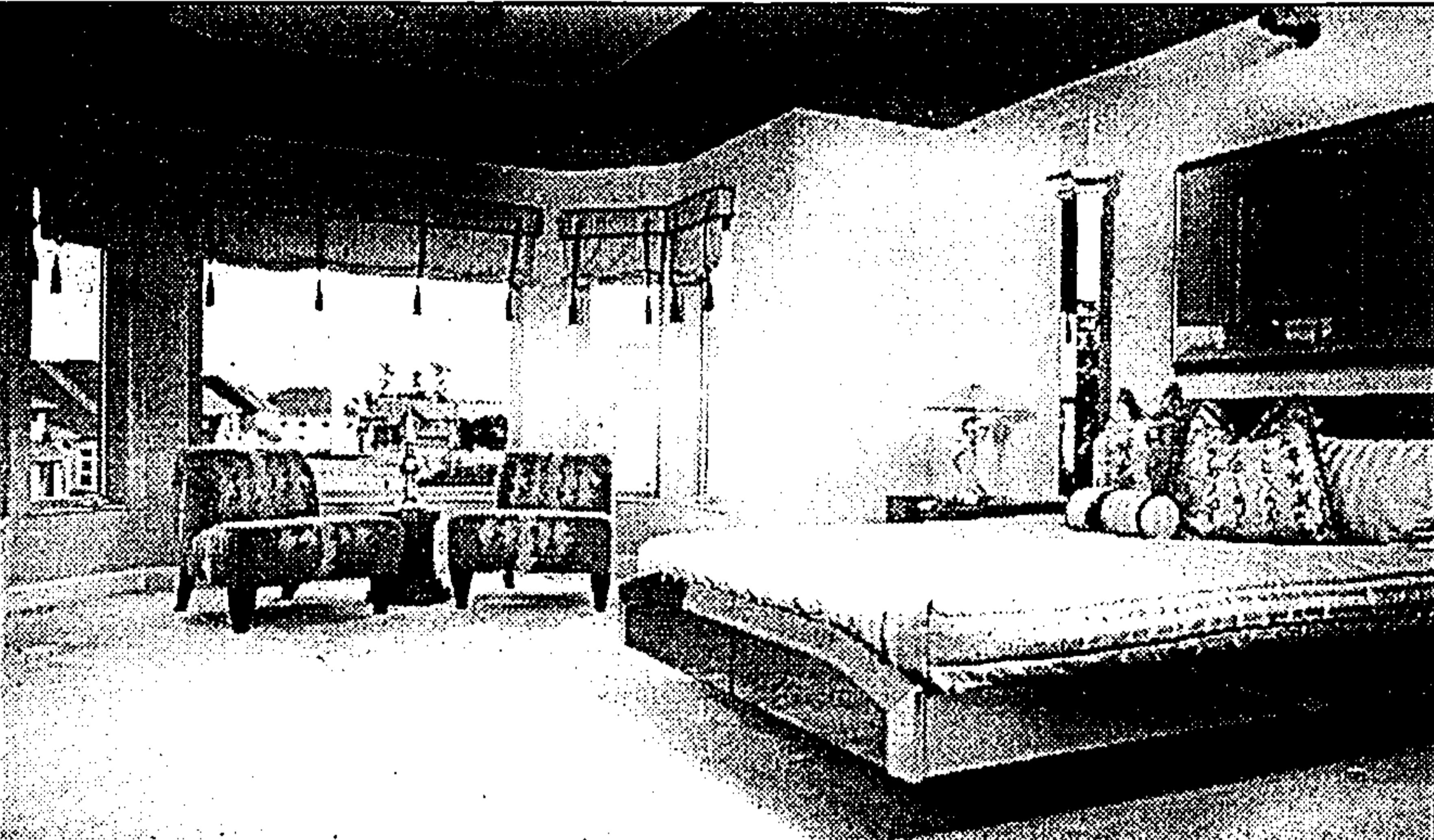
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More to bay windows than meets the eye



Bay windows enhance any area of Lakeland Homes, especially the master bedroom which becomes a 'perfect location' for a private seating area, a quiet get-away for reading, chatting or watching TV.

There's more to bay windows than meets the eye, though for some homeowners that might be enough.

"No question that bay windows enhance the architectural styling of a structure, but the added dimension also has a more functional role; it increases living space," points out Mark Elliott, president of The Elliott Group, which has been building custom and semi-custom single-family homes and condominiums in Chicago suburbs for more than 40 years.

They also increase the sense of space, notes Helen Weiss, principal of Weiss Development Corp., another long-time developer of condominium homes.

"The average condominium home is more compact than single-family homes, but the presence of a bay window 'stretches' the space psychologically and bays are well received by buyers," she says. "With the trend towards open interiors, bays let you create an area that is a part of a larger room yet separated from it without walls and doors. It lets the spaces flow together without surrendering the sense of separation."

Bays can function in different ways, depending on where they are located, explains Elliott.

"One of the most popular locations for a bay is as an extension of the breakfast room, which itself is usually an extension of an open-plan kitchen. Foremost is that they are a perfect location for quick meals in the morning or after-school snacks."

"But then they seem to take on a life of their own as the place where it is easiest to serve family dinners," he continues, "and since kitchens seem to be everyone's favorite hangout when company is over, it's a

great place for just sitting around having a second cup of coffee after the formal dinner is over and it's time to clean up."

Weiss has included bay windows in most of the condominiums at Village Green, the company's third condominium project in Lincolnshire. In the third and last of three buildings that make up the complex now under construction, 15 of the 25 homes feature bay windows. Most are situated as extensions of the family room or living room where they add both additional space and a bit more architectural pizazz.

Bill Gronow, an operating partner of Kennedy Homes, which has been involved in more than 15,000 homes in Chicago's suburbs over a span of 40 years, reports that walk-out bays are offered with most of the six to eight designs available at each subdivision.

"Our bay designs are either four windows or two windows with a door," said Gronow. "Buyers may include the windows and door combination that access the exterior off the breakfast room, while the architectural bays that extend the room — what we refer to as 'walk-in-bays' — are often available in combination with family rooms, dining rooms and living rooms."

Elliott includes bays in the master bedroom of several plans. "It's a perfect location for a private seating area, a nice quiet get-away-from-it-all for reading, chatting or watching TV," notes Elliott.

A variation of the bay is an octagonal breakfast room with five windows and octagonal sitting areas in master bedrooms. They have four or five windows that multiply outside views and soak in scads of natural light.

Executive homes to be completed on Washington

Cambridge Homes has acquired 27 acres in Lake County for Stoneridge, a new community which is planned for 52 executive style single-family homes.

Stoneridge is located on the south side of Washington Street just east of Route 45 between Grayslake and Gurnee. The community will feature seven different single-family plans including two ranch-style plans and five two-story designs. The homes offer from 2,225 to 3,388 square feet of living space with three to

five bedrooms, 2 to 3 1/2 baths, and basements with 9-foot-high foundation walls and oversized windows creating the possibility of future expansion into additional lower level family living areas including extra full baths. All but two of the plans will include three-car attached garages.

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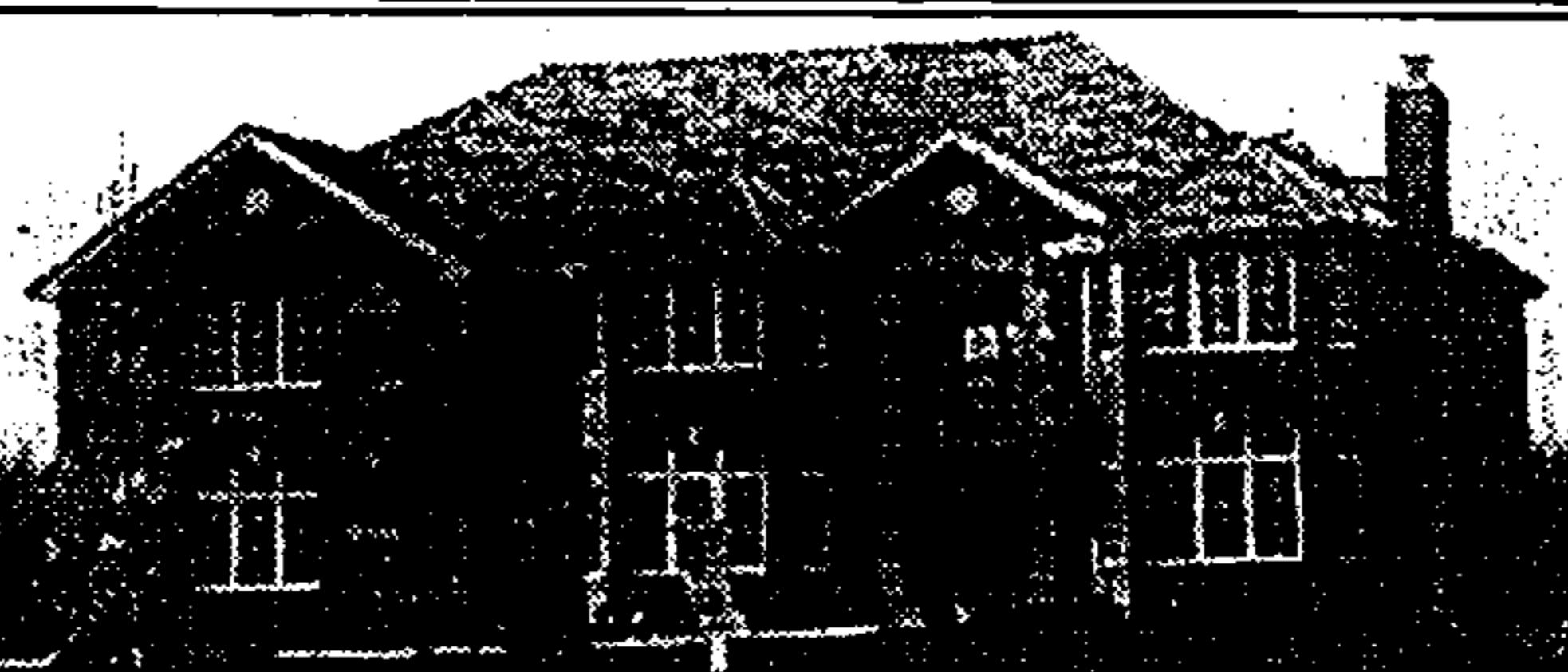


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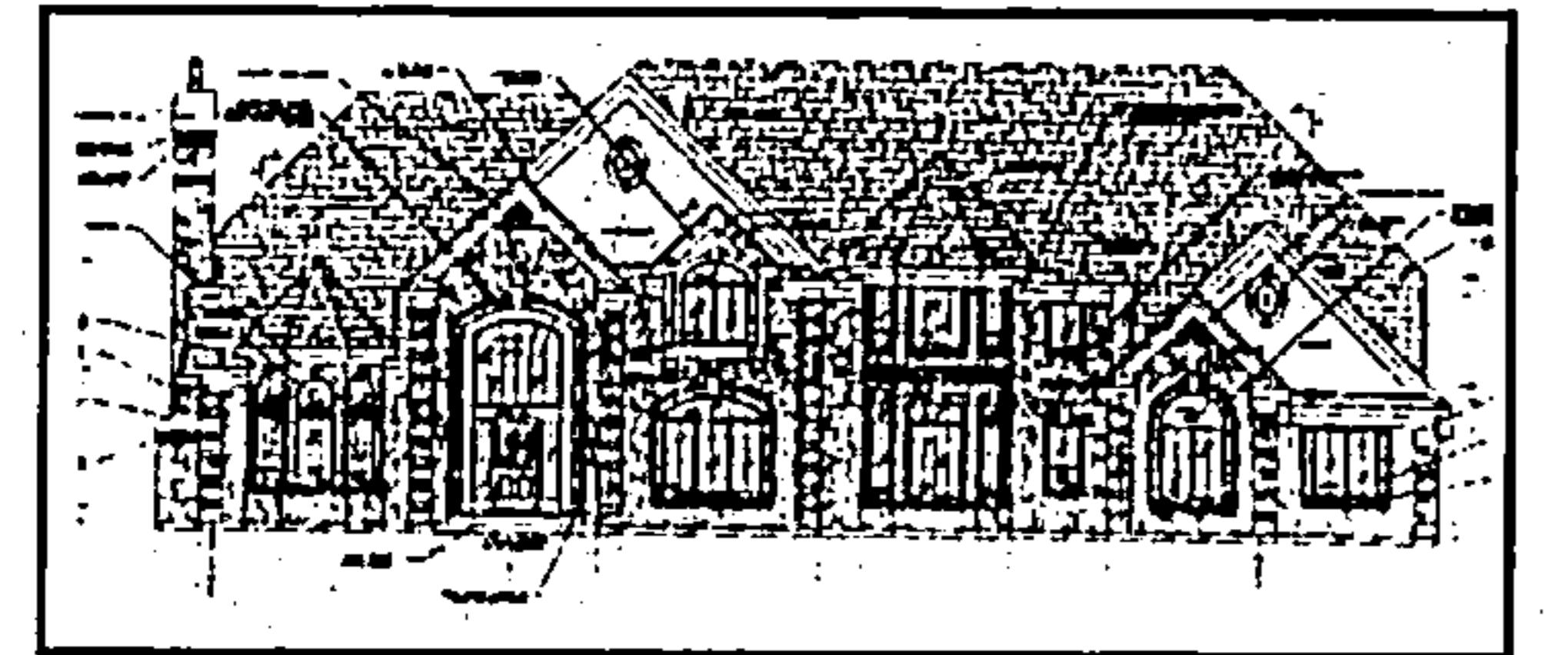
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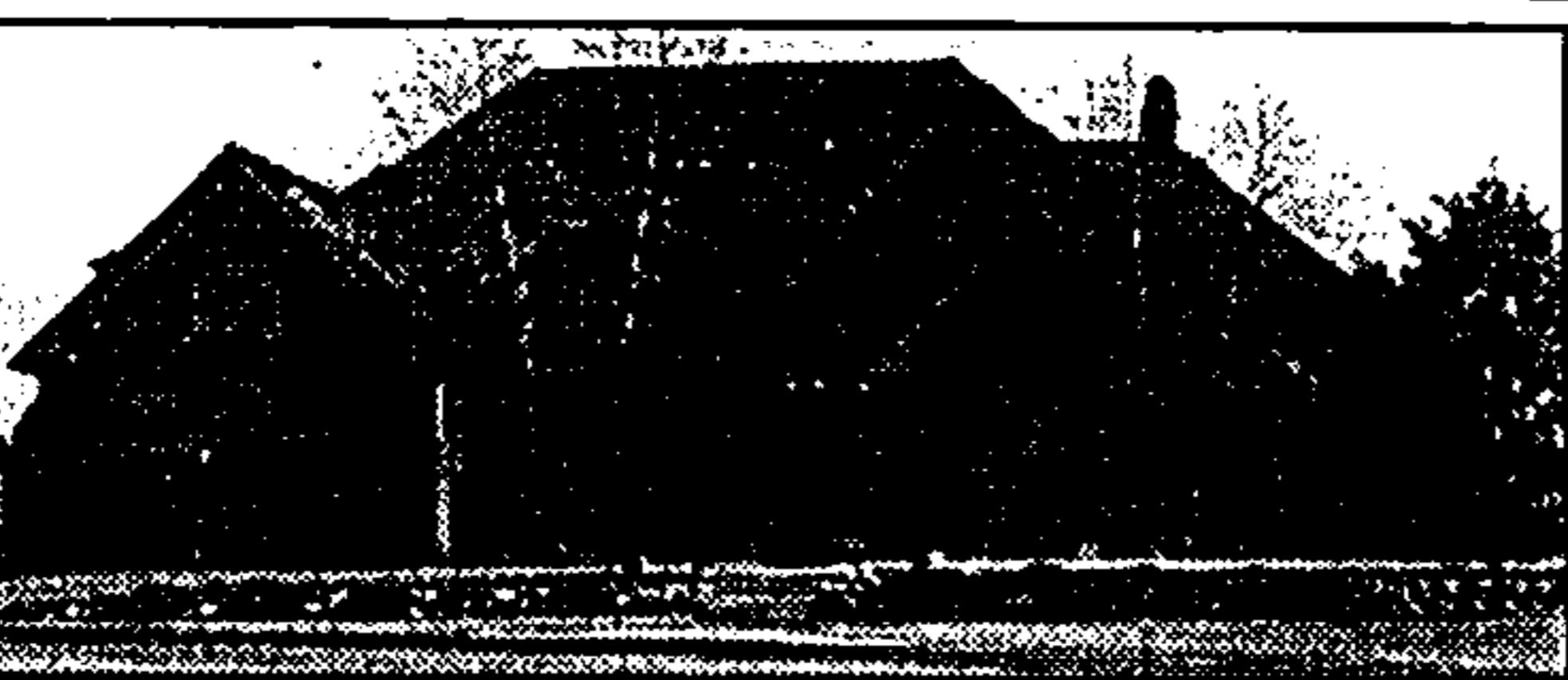
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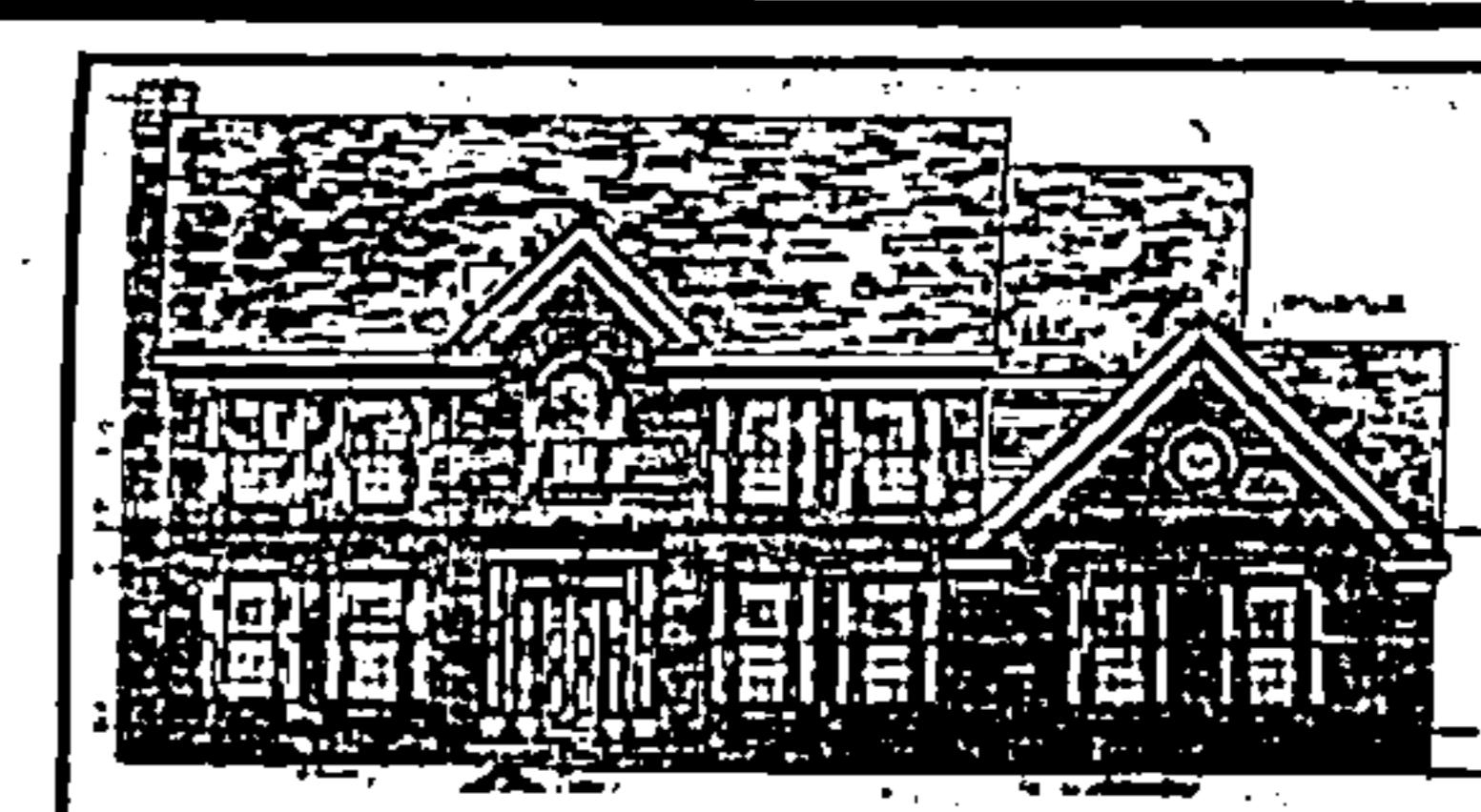
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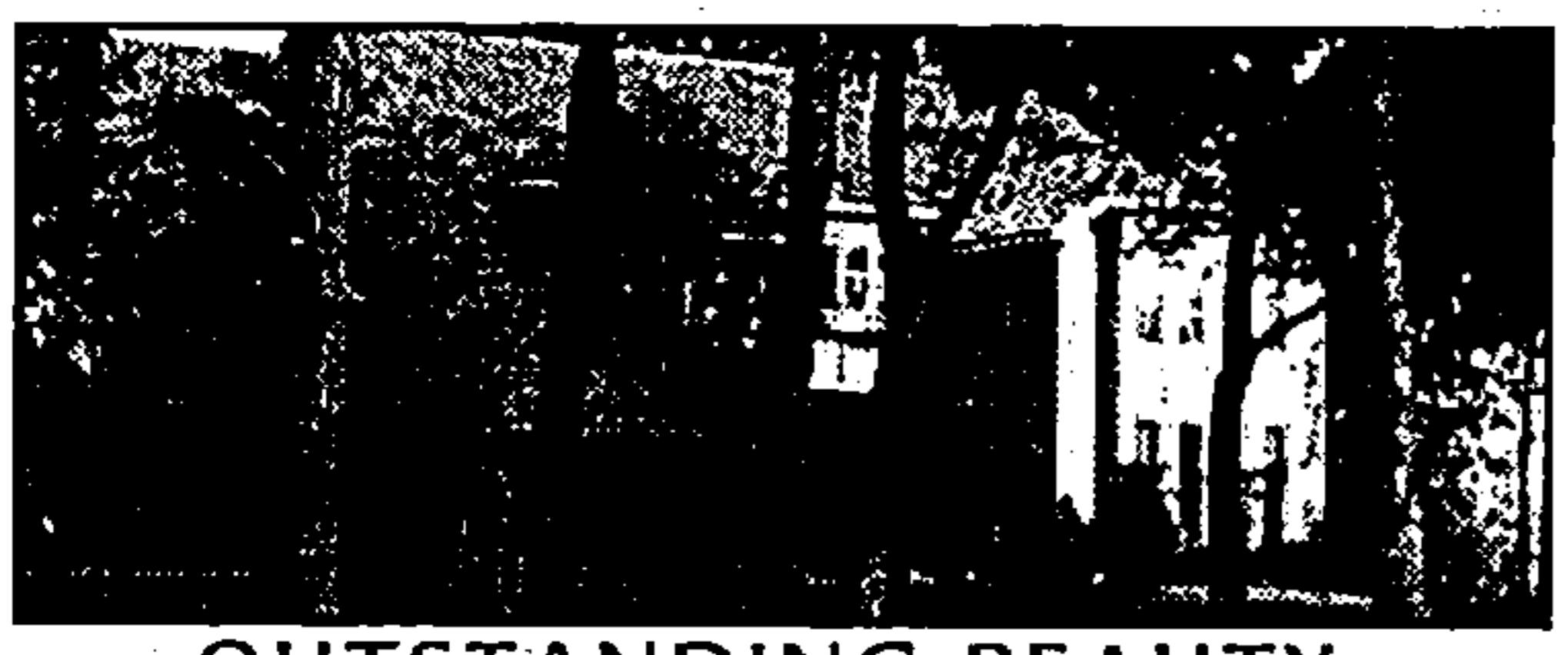
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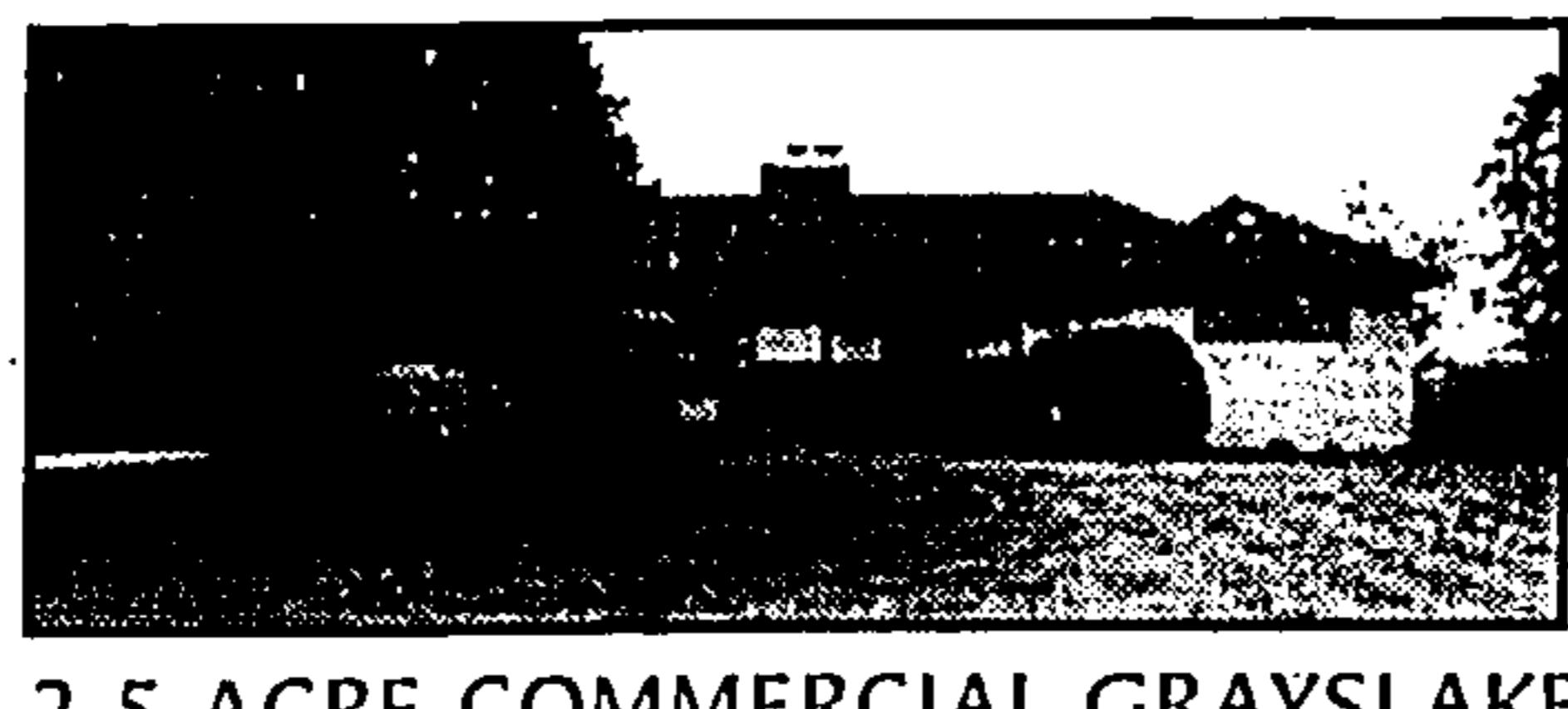
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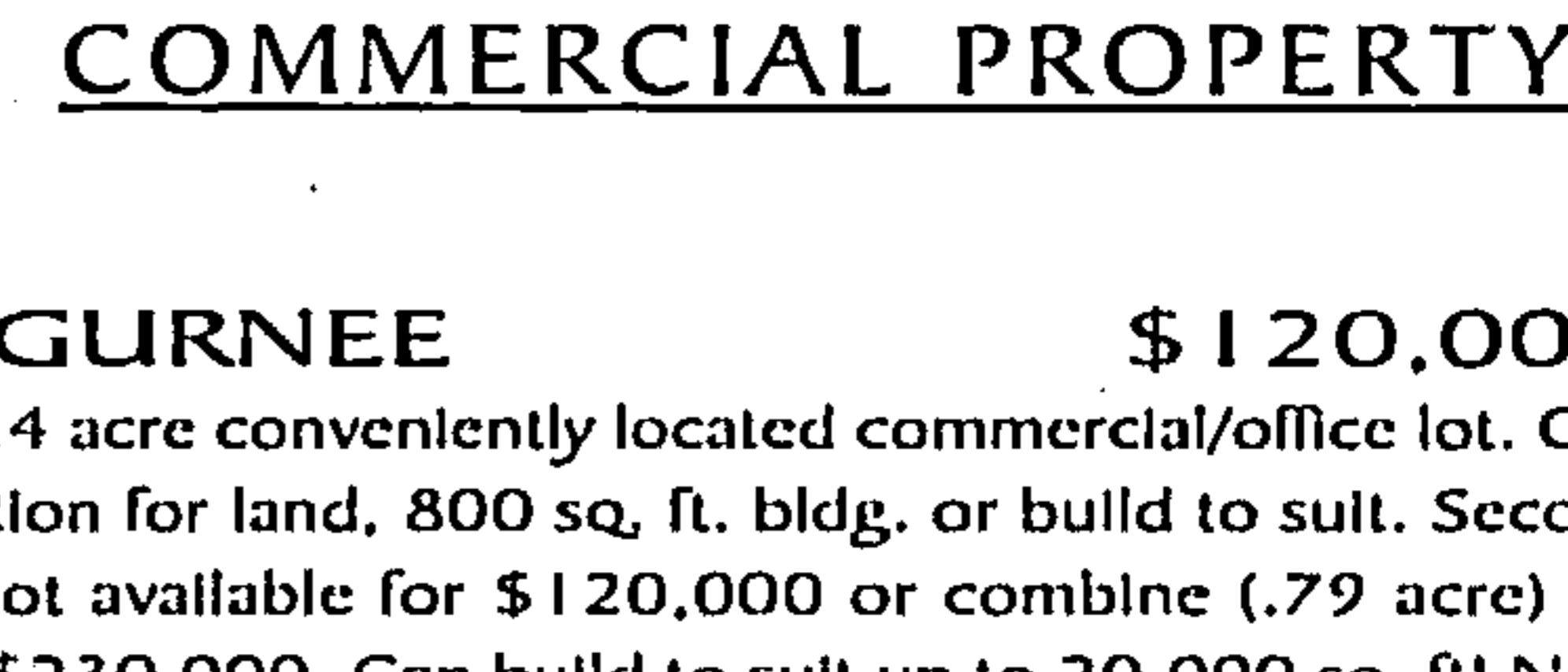
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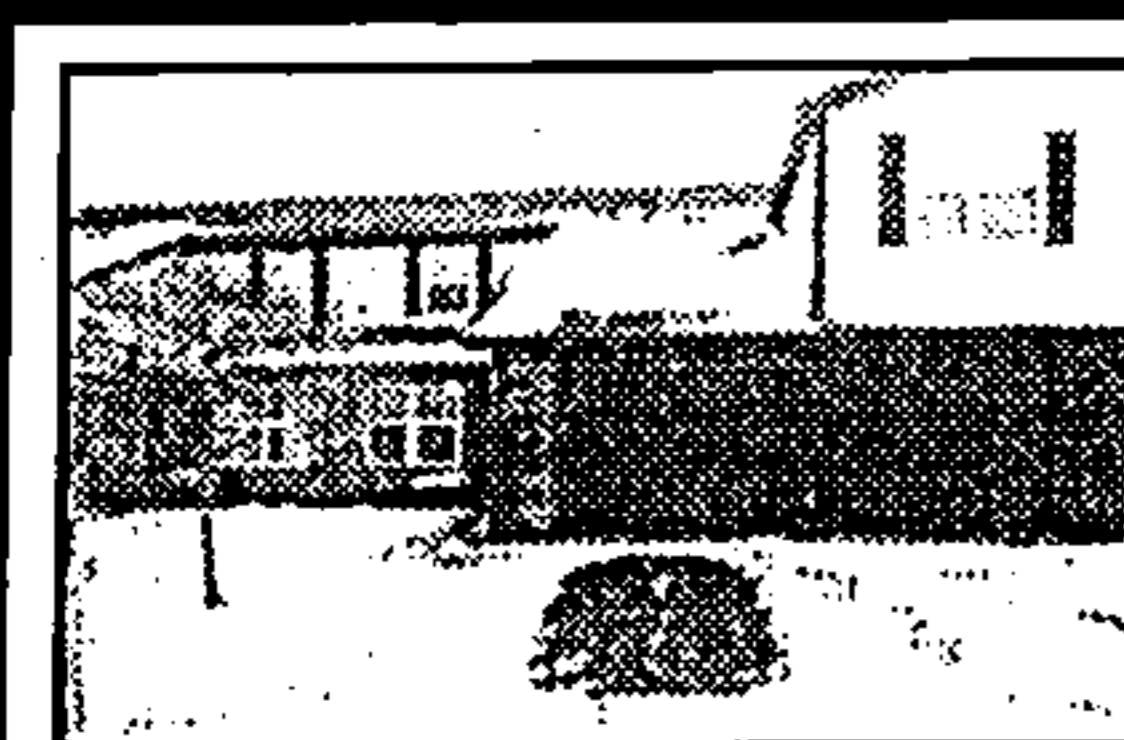
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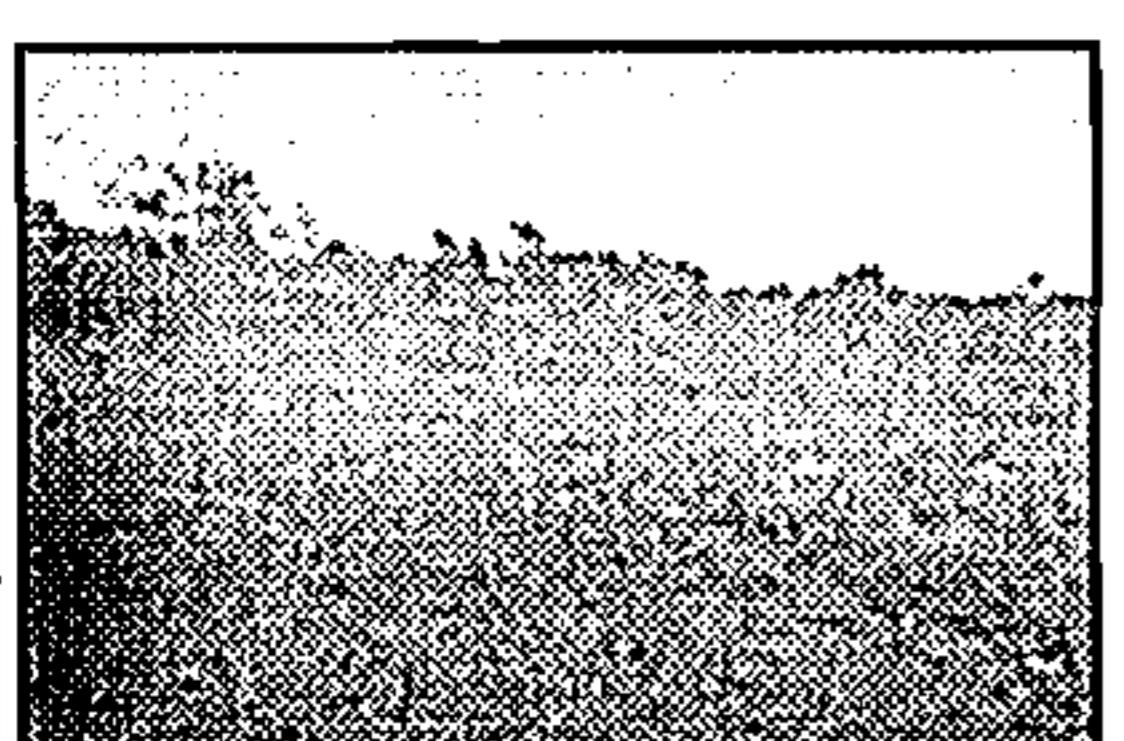


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Landscape lighting provides beauty, security

If you're like most people, your home is the single biggest investment you'll ever make. Your home is your castle and your yard is your domain. But for a good part of the year, by the time you get home from work, your yard is dark. You can't see the landscape at all, and the house fades into the night.

Adding landscape lighting improves curb appeal, expands living space and increases the safety and security of your home. The right lighting creates a warm and welcoming atmosphere for the exterior of your home and your yard. You'll even enjoy the lighting from inside.

Lighting experts recommend low voltage systems for outdoor use. Transformers reduce line voltage (120 volts) at the outlet to 12 volts. "A low-voltage exterior lighting system is not only safer and more efficient, but it looks and works better too," says Curtis Hogan, president of Nite Time Decor, a Lubbock, Texas-based company specializing in landscape lighting.

You can install landscape lighting yourself or hire a professional lighting company to do it for you. Whichever option you choose, make sure you do your homework before starting the project.

First, keep in mind that you should focus more on the desired effect of the lighting, rather than the specific fixtures you use. Poor design or installation can make for disappointing lighting, but components are important, too. Component failure (transformers, fixtures and wiring) can be a real problem. While you don't want extremely cheap fixtures that will fail within two or three years, you don't necessarily need to buy the most expensive, either. The best components are not necessarily the most expensive. The most expen-

sive fixtures you'll find are ones where you are paying for artistic, creative or exotic design, but not necessarily quality.

The key consideration when assessing quality is durability. How long will a component last given the harsh conditions that exist outside a home throughout the course of the year? Wind, rain, sleet, snow, blistering heat or freezing cold are just some of the hazards your components need to withstand.

The lighting system should easily adapt to changes. New landscaping is typically dotted with young plants, bushes and trees. Does your lighting plan allow for adequate flexibility in the system for easy repositioning of lighting as your landscaping matures, grows or changes? Being able to move a fixture to the correct lighting position as bushes grow, or plants get repositioned, without needing to reinstall part of the system, is an important consideration.

Consider maintenance issues as well. Professional landscape lighting companies offer maintenance contracts, meaning your outdoor lighting will look its best at all times. You don't need to worry about replacing burned out bulbs, cleaning lenses, trimming vegetation, adjusting fixture positioning or fixing minor electrical problems.

If you choose to do-it-yourself, lighting kits are available in most large hardware outlets. Kits contain fixtures, lamps, cable, connectors and a transformer. These kits concentrate mainly on path lights for illuminating walkways; they do not allow for custom designs for home and landscaping. The quick connects supplied with these kits can be unreliable and create future maintenance.

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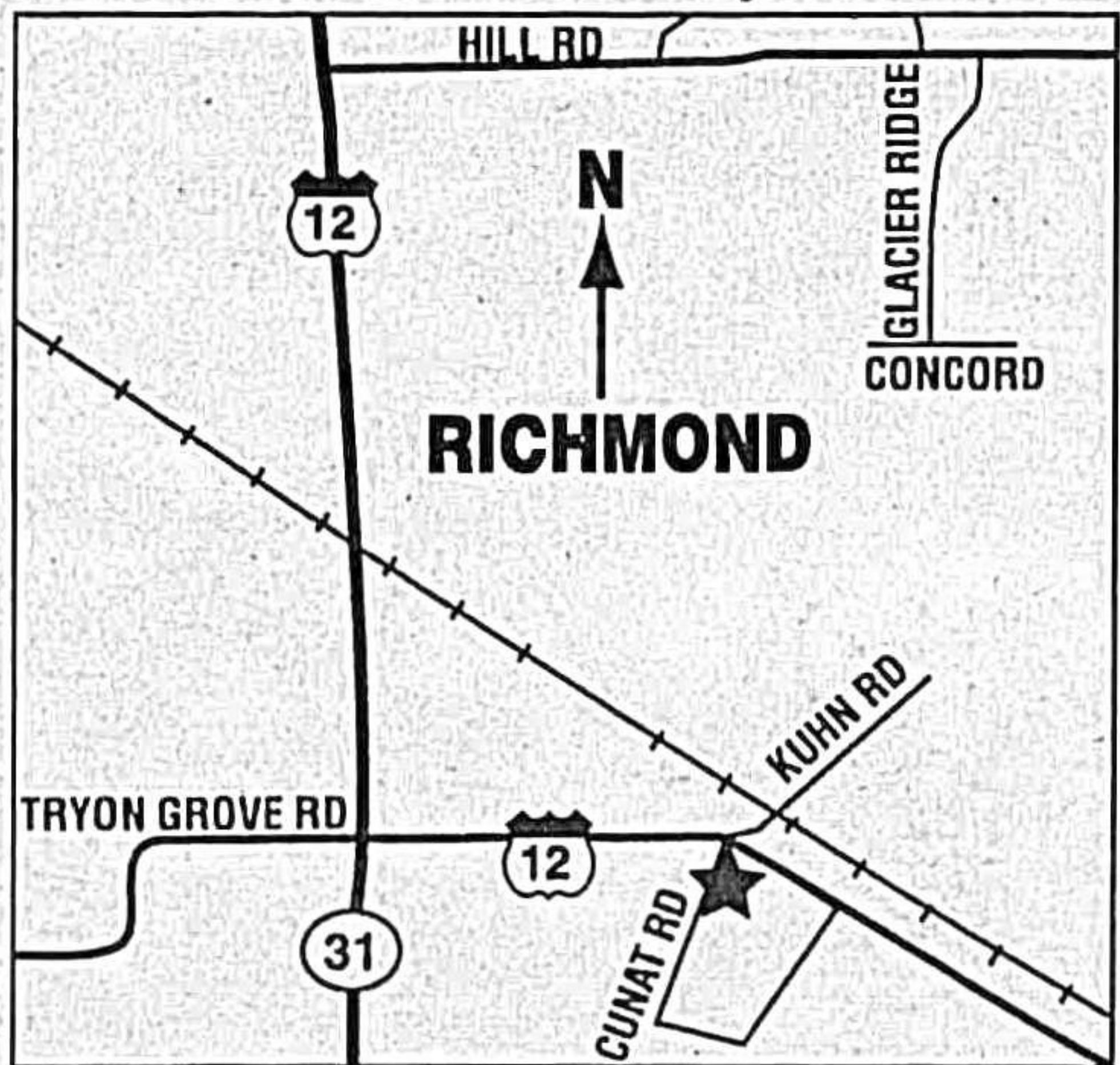


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